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THE NEGRO HISTORY BULLETIN

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The new educational publication designed to promote the study of the Negro among the children by simplifying what is made too difficult for the young reader in books now available.

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The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc.

1538 NINTH ST., N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Negro History Bulletin

THE NEED

For many years the public schools have suffered for the lack of materials with which to take up the study of the Negro. A few simplified books have been made available, but no magazine now being published comes within the reach of children studying history and current events with respect to the Negro. *The Journal of Negro History* supplies a special need in the colleges and universities only. For this reason The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History has launched a monthly periodical, *The Negro History Bulletin*. It will be issued nine times a year. The first number will appear in October and the last in June.

While this periodical is sponsored by the Association, it is an organ of the schools. It has resulted from needs which have been disclosed among those who are trying to base the education of the Negro upon the Negro himself. The Negro should not learn less about others, but more about himself. He should cease to study others exclusively and study himself in relation to others and others in relation to himself. The children thus enlightened as to their future will find in this publication an avenue for the expression of their own thought. The original productions of pupils are desired for publication in these columns, and their activities in this sphere will be given special notice.

The recent publication of the poster of "Important Events and Dates in Negro History," now in most of the large schoolrooms of the country, aroused much interest. Both teachers and students saw what should be taken up from day to day in correlating the study of the Negro with other subjects, but

they had only a brief statement of the facts and no key to their interpretation. *The Negro History Bulletin* will take up these persons and their achievements from month to month. In this way the magazine will render a service to all schools of both races. Although so simplified as to be understood by small children, the periodical will carry so much new material that it will be interesting and valuable for adults.

THE MAKE-UP

The size of *The Negro History Bulletin* will be 10 x 13 inches, much larger than the regular *Negro History Week Pamphlet*, wide enough to carry four columns of matter like that of a newspaper. The issue for February will take the place of the *Negro History Week Pamphlet* and will contain sixteen pages. The regular issues for the other months, however, will contain only eight pages. The publication will be well illustrated, but it will carry no advertising.

THE PLAN

The nine issues of the *Negro History Bulletin* will be worked out both logically and chronologically. Each issue will carry a feature story growing out of some phase of history treated in simple language. For example, the first topic discussed will be slavery, and the feature story will be the thrilling escape of William and Ellen Craft from Georgia to England. The second phase of history to be taken up will be the Free Negro of ante bellum times, and the feature story will be the rise of Robert Gordon from slavery in Richmond, Virginia, to usefulness and recognition as a successful business man in Cincinnati, Ohio. The principal topics for

the whole year may be summarized as the following:

1. Negroes brought into servitude in America.
2. Some Negroes free in spite of bondage.
3. The Independence movement helpful to the Negro.
4. A changing attitude suggesting colonization.
5. The struggle for physical freedom.
6. Emancipation with the Civil War.
7. Better beginnings in freedom.
8. Important achievements.
9. The present status.

THE FEATURES

The outstanding feature of *The Negro History Bulletin* is its simplified language. High-sounding phrases and terms used by writers give place in this periodical to words which children of even the fifth grade may understand. The Association employs an expert in children's literature to rewrite every article submitted before it is published. Another important feature is that all historical accounts, feature stories, and biographical sketches are illustrated by drawings made by the best artists in the country.

The subject matter may be thus summarized:

1. Sketches of distinguished Negroes born during the month.
2. Brief accounts of the Negroes' white friends whose birthdays fall within the month.
3. The discussion of important events which took place during the month.
4. Original productions of children.
5. Reports of activities in the schools.
6. History news.
7. A question-and-answer column.
8. Notes on important books published.
9. The book of the month.

RATES

The subscription fee will be $1.00 a year or 12 cents a copy, but if taken in clubs of five or more for class use, the schools will obtain it for 45 cents a year.

The management starts out in October with an edition of 10,000 copies which will probably increase by Negro History Week, the second week of February, to 25,000 or 50,000. At least one thousand copies of each issue will be reserved for binding in order that persons who are desirous of securing them in this form will have this opportunity even during subsequent years. The price of such bound volumes will be $1.50 each.

Managing Editor of *The Negro History Bulletin,*
1538 Ninth St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to subscribe to *The Negro History Bulletin.* I enclose $1.00 for a year.

I hereby request that you send your appeal for subscriptions to the following persons who will doubtless be interested:

Name .....
Street and number.....
P. O. address.....

Name .....
Street and number.....
P. O. address.....

Name .....
Street and number.....
P. O. address.....

Respectfully yours,

Name .....
Street and number.....
P. O. address.....

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS DONE

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History has led men to see the unreasonableness of the claim made for superiority of race and encouraged them to arrive at their conclusions by scientific investigation. Giving such a stimulus to the reconstruction of thought, then, the Association has changed the attitude of many persons toward the Negro and other races. The Negro himself, too, has been stimulated to higher endeavor by learning from his significant record that he is not the most despised of men.

In 1922 the Association was enabled by a grant to undertake systematic research. Prior to that time its investigation had been purely voluntary. That year the Department of Research was established and a number of investigators were employed to undertake definite tasks. These researches have resulted in the publication of twenty-five monographs embracing almost every aspect of Negro life and history. The Department of Research has recently undertaken the special task of investigating the social and economic conditions of the Negro since the Civil War, and it has given some attention to Negro Folklore and African Anthropology.

In 1926 the Association began the celebration of Negro History Week. This was made an occasion for public exercises inviting special attention to the achievements of the Negro. The thought emerged from the mind of the founder. With the cooperation of ministers, teachers and professional and business men throughout the country, the celebration proved to be an unusual success. Negro History Week has helped to arouse the people to a keener appreciation of the contribution of the Negro to civilization. Negro History Week has become "Negro History Year" in that schools are now taking up the study of the Negro as a required course. Men are now learning to think of civilization as the heritage of the centuries to which all races have made some contribution.

Owing to the demand for more service in the dissemination of information than its facilities then afforded, the Association established in 1927 an Extension Division to embrace the imparting of information by public lectures and the study of Negro Life and History by mail. This department, therefore, offers instruction given by the Association staff under the administrative supervision and control of the Association. Such an opportunity for self-improvement is widely sought by literary societies, study clubs, and other institutions for persons who have no other chance for this kind of instruction.

Now in 1937 the Association undertakes to simplify these studies of the Negro by publishing through *The Negro History Bulletin* in simple language such facts and observations as will interest children. Children's books have already been made available through the Associated Publishers and other houses.

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July 12, 1937

The Departmental Library
in Sociology, Room 209,
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16-1-31

Gentlemen:

On the first of October the Association begins the publication of THE NEGRO HISTORY BULLETIN. This publication is to meet the needs of children in the schools just as THE JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY supplies the need for the study of the Negro in the colleges and universities. This new publication is printed in the language of children with everything simplified by writers of children's literature and amply illustrated by our best artists. The cost is only one dollar a year. In clubs of as many as five the cost is only 45 cents. Kindly send us your subscription and the names of others who may be thus interested.

Those who are engaged in school work desire to teach their pupils about the Negro as they do about other people. Our poster of "Important Events and Dates in Negro History," which now hangs in many schoolrooms, serves as a guide for the correlation of this matter with the other work throughout the year. If you do not have one you may secure a copy here for 50 cents. THE NEGRO HISTORY BULLETIN supplies from month to month the matter to be correlated. Thus by cooperating with us you have the whole problem solved.

Send us your subscription now. Urge others to subscribe also in advance. The cost is only one dollar.

Respectfully yours,
C. G. Woodson
C. G. Woodson,
Director

CGW/tb

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The ASSOCIATION of BUSINESS and PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
OF PHILADELPHIA
Nineteen Hundred Chestnut Street

January 27, 1937

Lectures 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 W. 150th Street
Apartment 3-J
New York, N. Y.

16-9-38

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The members of the Association of Business and Professional Women of Philadelphia are very anxious to present you in lecture to the citizens of Philadelphia. It is our custom each year to have one public meeting at which no charge is made for admission and at which meeting we endeavor to present some outstanding member of our own group.

Will you kindly inform me whether or not you could accept an engagement for either May, 1937 or October, 1937? Any Friday evening of either month would be acceptable to our group. Will you also inform me what honorarium our Association might tender you for your services?

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Sadie T. M. Alexander
President.

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February 9, 1937

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

Answering your letter of January 27, I beg to say that I should be very glad to lecture in Philadelphia either May 21 or May 28. My charge would be fifty dollars. Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible whether either of the dates and the price are suitable?

16-9-39

My best regards to you and your husband.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander
Association of Business and Professional Women
1900 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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OF PHILADELPHIA

Nineteen Hundred Chestnut Street

Lecture Tendency - 1937

February 13, 1937

16-9-40

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your communication of February 9th in reply to my letter of January 27th.

Our Association held its monthly meeting on February 9th. We will not have another meeting until March 9th, at which time the contents of your letter will be passed upon by the members of the Association. I know that all of the women are anxious to present you to a Philadelphia audience. It seems to us many years since we have had the pleasure of hearing you lecture in Philadelphia. Our only concern will be whether or not we will have sufficient time to arrange for a representative audience.

You may expect to hear from me very shortly after March 9, 1937.

Very truly yours,

Sadie T. M. Alexander.

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March 27, 1937

3/29/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-9-41

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I presented to the Association of Business and Professional Women of Philadelphia your kind offer to address them in May. We are unable, however, to accept your offer for the reason that we cannot get a desirable place for the lecture. We had intended to obtain the Irvine Auditorium at the University of Pennsylvania but there is no Thursday or Friday in the month of May that the auditorium is available. I have therefore decided to wait until the fall at which time we will be able to plan the kind of meeting at which we would like to present you. You may expect to hear from me again later in the summer.

I do not know whether you know that Virginia has been quite ill in the New Haven Hospital. She came home yesterday. She is still ill and confined to bed. Unfortunately, the doctors have not been able to decide on the cause of her illness. She felt that she would recover sooner in Philadelphia where she was better acquainted with the hospitals and physicians. She is not seriously ill but definitely incapacitated.

Very truly yours,

Sadie T. M. Alexander

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[Assoc. of Business + Professional Women]

April 16, 1937

16-9-42

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I have your letter of March twenty-seventh and will be glad to lecture for you in the fall if you find that you want me. The best date would be between the first and nineteenth of September. Later in the fall I shall be in Atlanta and the possibility of coming North will depend upon other engagements.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander
1900 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Letters - 1937

May 4, 1937

5/6/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been unable to refer your letter of April 16th to Mrs. Alexander because she has been out of the office on account of illness. She is still confined to the hospital. As soon as she is able I shall call this matter to her attention.

Very truly yours,

Vernelle G. Gaines

Secretary to Mrs. Alexander.

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[Atlanta, City of.]

automobile

September 23, 1937

Gentlemen:

I am a citizen of New York and have a New York state operator's license, but I spend seven months out of the twelve as a teacher in Atlanta University. My New York address is: 210 West 150th Street, Apartment 3-A.

16-4

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Department of Public Safety
P. O. Box 1741
Atlanta, Georgia

M E M O

February 24, 1937

TO: Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

FROM: Mrs. Eddie N. Anderson,
Forum Leader -
Atlanta Public Forum

16-18-37

Enclosed please find your assignment slips - WPA 402 -- which must be signed by you in the proper places checked "employee's signature" so that your name will appear on the payroll of February 16 through the end of the month. These forms should have been signed at least within three days following the assignment, but since you have not been to our office to give these signatures, I am sending them by a messenger.

As you understand, this assignment is made on the basis of $300.00 per month. You will be credited with one-half (½) time since you are leading one-half (½) the number of forums required of forum leaders by Washington. To be explicit, you will receive $75.00 for the payroll period of February 16 through the end of the month for your services rendered as one-half (½) time forum leader.

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7 encls.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

16-3-30

January 9, 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We are glad that the time is approaching for your return to Atlanta University. We have missed you and are eager to welcome you back.

You will recall perhaps that Dr. Hope last year started to arrange a series of University convocations. He spoke at the first one which was held in October in Sale Hall. We did not have the series that he planned, but we did have Dr. Park come at the end of the year. I am sure you will remember that occasion.

This year we had our first University convocation in December. It was addressed by Dr. C. H. Rieber, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy of the University of California.

I am writing to ask if you will not have in mind to give the second address in the series this year sometime soon after your return. I know you will be busy, but it occurred to me that if you had it in mind before arriving you might be all ready for it during the first or second week of the second semester.

I hope you have had a thoroughly profitable and satisfying time. Your itinerary sounds like a thrilling adventure.

Sincerely yours

Florence M. Read

Acting President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
c/o Rev. Harold M. Kingsley
Church of the Good Shepherd
5712 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

FMR.C

Courses in

Sociology

11/21/37

TO: MISS FLORENCE M. READ

FROM: IRA DE A. REID

As you suggested I am submitting the attached memorandum on possible courses for the 1937 summer school.

47-11-149

Dr. W.E.B.d.

Presumptuous, probably - but there was no escaping the task. (R)

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE 1937 SUMMER SCHOOL

FROM: Ira De A. Reid

The following suggestions are offered as a basis for such a program as might be in mind for the social sciences in general and Sociology in particular.

I. COURSES

The introduction of rural sociology and a course on the South were worthwhile contributions to the Summer School curriculum. I think similar courses should be given this summer. It seems that the first Institute in the Social Sciences might be conducted at this year's session, since we shall have available our regular staff, and might be able to bring in additional people. With Dubois, Chivers and myself in Sociology and the addition of Dr. Raper, the University could have a very effective institute in sociology, alone. Combined with the other social sciences, the possibilities are limitless. I suggest the following courses for the summer session under any arrangement:

SURVEY COURSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES	REID and xAll members of staff
Contemporary Social Problems	Reid
Rural Sociology	Raper
Economic and Social Geography of the South	Raper
Economic and Social Cooperation Among Negroes	Dubois
Social Conflict	Dubois
Social Anthropology	Chivers
Social Legislation	Chivers

II. SPECIAL LECTURER. It would be well to add the services of a special lecturer during two or three weeks of the session. Such a person could be used at the assemblies and render great aid in the departmental work. I offer as preliminary suggestions:

Goodwin Watson, Assistant Prof. of Education, Teachers College
Broadus Mitchell, Professor of Economics, John Hopkins
Donald Young, Associate Professor of Sociology, Univ. of Pa.
- - - - - - - - Dean of Men, Swarthmore College (particularly for assembly purposes and general orientation tasks)

January 18, 1937

17-11-193

January 21, 1937

My dear Mr. Reid:

I am forwarding to Dr. Du Bois at his New York City address a copy of your memorandum to President Read.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

47-11-157

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Journal of Negro Sociology

16-2-62

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

March 2, 1937

My dear Mr. Blayton:

As a result of two meetings a majority of the persons indicated below authorized a request to be sent to the acting-President and Trustees of Atlanta University. Will you please read it and let me know if you are willing to sign it? The names below are arranged alphabetically. This is, of course, simply a copy. Will you see if your name and title, etc., is correctly written? The petition itself will be on parchment and ready for your signature at my office as soon as I hear from all the proposed signers. Afterwards copies like this will be sent to the various members of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jesse B. Blayton
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Yes

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

16-2-61

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

TO: Miss Florence M. Read, Acting President

FROM: Ira De A. Reid, Professor of Sociology

RE: Seminar Discussion by Dr. Arthur Raper

DATE: February 3, 1937

A few days ago, I talked with Dr. Arthur Raper regarding the possibility of having another seminar discussion at the University. He informed me that a group of Spelman students were going out to Agnes Scott and that he would like to have his group visit the University again on the afternoon of February 25 in order that we may have another seminar discussion similar to that held two years ago. There will be approximately thirty-five (35) Agnes Scott students attending. Will it be possible for the Department of Sociology of Atlanta University and Morehouse College, in addition to such Spelman students as wish to come, to hold this seminar in the Exhibition Room on the afternoon of February 25 at 3:30 o'clock?

The subject of our discussion will be "Inter-racial Interdependencies".

IDAR/h

47-1-154

TO: SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

FROM: Ira De A. Reid

RE: SOCIOLOGY SEMINAR

The first meeting of the graduate seminar in sociology will be held on Monday evening, February 15, 7:00, suite 302, Atlanta University Dormitory.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

"A Reappraisal of Frederick L. Hoffman's Race Traits and Tendencies of the American Negro . . . . . Mr. Leonard H. Robinson

"Analytical Study of Negroes listed in the 1935-1936 Edition of Who's Who in America" . . . . . Miss Kathryn E. Richardson

2/17/37

February 16, 1937

Dr. Arthur Raper
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Raper:

The Departments of Sociology in Atlanta University and Morehouse College would appreciate having the social science students of Agnes Scott College participate in a ~~seminar on~~ "Cultural Interdependences as Factors in Racial Understanding", to be held in the Exhibition Room of the University Library on Thursday afternoon, February 25, 1937 at 3:30 o'clock. Representatives of our groups will be happy to meet your students in the Lounge of the Women's Dormitory at three o'clock on that day and conduct them on a brief tour of the campus.

Sincerely yours,

IDAR/h

Ira De A. Reid

COPY

February 1, 1937

Dear President Read:

I reported for the semester's work today and attended to registration. I will begin with the classes tomorrow.

I trust this will find you in good health.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-5

February 17, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I have today one class from 11:40 to 12:30, otherwise I am free and would be very glad to have a few minutes of your time whenever you can drop in.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-6

February 18, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

The total cost of the Seminar Monday night, February 15, was as follows:

cookies	.79
nuts, mints	.65
cream	.18
napkins	.05
coffee	.10
ginger ale	.60
	$2.37

Your share will be $1.18.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 18, 1937

16-3-32

Memo to Miss Read:

I understand that the University is in the habit of furnishing certain materials on requisition. The only thing that this department has had in three years is shelving for the books. We have had nothing in the line of paper and envelopes for correspondence or any other materials. May I ask what allowance it is supposed to have?

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1937

16-3-37

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have authorized the glass ventilator for the window in the office of your secretary.

Regarding the walls, I hope you will not be too much distressed to wait until summer. The Administration Building is scheduled for painting this summer. The paint on these walls is not the kind that will wash.

Sincerely yours

Florence M. Read

Acting President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Plain "Atlanta University" letterhead and envelopes have been furnished by the University in small quantities - for University business. Would you like some?

I hope you would abandon your individual brown - stripe + color - when you write to me! FMR

Department of Sociology

February 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Dean:

Last Friday, February 19, eight teachers in the various branches of the social sciences met at the University Dormitories, room Number 302, and talked of the possibility of a quarterly magazine as a vehicle of scientific work to be published by Atlanta University. It was decided that such a magazine was needed and that a statement should be drafted to be presented to the acting-President and Board of Trustees.

Another meeting on the subject was set for Friday afternoon, February 26, at 4:30 at the same place. You are cordially invited to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

sent to:

Ira De A. Reid
Oran W. Eagleson
William S. Braithwaithe
John Hope
L. D. Milton (212 Auburn Ave. N.E.)
C. A. Bacote
N. P. Tillman
W. Mercer Cook
Walter R. Chivers
Jesse B. Blayton
Rayford W. Logan
William H. Dean

Mr. William H. Dean
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Personal and Confidential

Department of Sociology

February 23, 1937

My dear President Read:

Sometime within the next week a committee from the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is going to wait upon you. Against my inclination I was made a member of the committee. The chairman is President Davage of Clark and the other member is Dr. Johnson of Atlanta.

16-3-34

It seems to me that I ought to let you know about the coming of this committee, and of its object in order that you would have time to think the matter over.

The Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity is one of the most influential organizations among colored Americans. It receives only graduate members, and the Boules or consultations are located in most of the leading cities like New York, Chicago, Saint Louis, Denver, Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Memphis, and Atlanta. The Boule usually consists of about twenty professional men, and sometimes business men, of a pretty high type. Their meetings are mostly social but they exercise a good deal of influence in public matters. Among their members are a large number of leading Negroes. President Hope was long a member. Presidents Archer, Davage, Fountain, and King are members, and among the other members are leading lawyers, physicians, a few judges, etc. Every other year they hold a convention which is attended by the men and their wives and unmarried daughters. These conventions have met in nearly all of the larger cities.

Year before last they met in Memphis and there they were invited by the Atlanta delegates, including President Hope, (I was not present) to come to Atlanta this year. When I heard of it I rather doubted the ability of Atlanta to entertain these people. The number is not so large, perhaps a hundred or one hundred and fifty persons, but they have been used to rather elaborate entertainment and expect it. My misgivings were allayed when in conversation with President Hope he intimated that they could be entertained at the University Dormitories. I do not recall that he promised this definitely, but I certainly got the impression that it was understood and if that had not been true I should have called the Boule's attention to it last year. I told them that I could not conceive of Atlanta entertaining these people unless it could be done at the dormitories.

When I met the Boule last Thursday night I was informed that they had been given to understand that the meeting could not be held at the University Dormitories. I mentioned my memory of the impression I had received from President Hope and was confirmed in that by Dr. Johnson. We canvassed briefly the possibility of any other places - the Sunset Casino was mentioned but

Department of Sociology

I immediately said that was unthinkable. Finally, as I said, a committee was appointed to wait on you and see if it would be possible to use the University Dormitories. As I said this would involve the opening of the dormitories in August for three or four days to entertain probably one hundred and fifty people. The Boule is willing and able to defray all expenses connected with this, and the character of the people is such that there would be nothing more than the ordinary wear and tear. I am putting the matter frankly before you so that you can think it over.

The meeting of this body at Atlanta University would be distinctly a nation-wide advertisement. On the other hand, if they were not entertained there, and an attempt was made at Sunset Casino or any other place available to colored people in Atlanta, I am afraid their impression of Atlanta University would be distinctly unfavorable. I am, therefore, vitally interested myself in having the entertainment here. At the same time I realize the difficulties of opening the dormitories. The committee will, of course, explain all of this with other details when they meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-7

February 26, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid
From Dr. Du Bois

Here is Johnson's reply. I have free the week-end of March 13 and 20, but this apparently would not suit him. The only other week-end would be the third of April.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-35

February 26, 1937

Memo to President Read:

Dr. R. E. Park of Fisk University will arrive this afternoon and stay until Saturday afternoon. I should be glad to have him have a suite, and have mentioned the matter to Mrs. Henry. The bill can be sent to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent to:

Bacote
Blayton
Braithwaite
Chivers
Cook
Dean
Eagleson
Hope
Logan
Milton
Reid
Tillman

March 2, 1937

16-2-64

My dear Mr. Tillman:

As a result of two meetings a majority of the persons indicated below authorized a request to be sent to the acting-President and Trustees of Atlanta University. Will you please read it and let me know if you are willing to sign it? The names below are arranged alphabetically. This is, of course, simply a copy. Will you see if your name and title, etc., is correctly written? The petition itself will be on parchment and ready for your signature at my office as soon as I hear from all the proposed signers. Afterwards copies like this will be sent to the various members of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathaniel Tillman
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Draft of a proposed minute to be signed and submitted

Sociology

Journal of Negro

To the acting-President of Atlanta University and Members of the Board of Trustees

Madam and Gentlemen:

For many years Atlanta University achieved a recognised standing in the scientific world because of her series of publications involving studies of the Negro problem. Lack of funds and other conditions interrupted this work. In the new Atlanta University it was one of the dreams of the late President Hope that such publications and scientific work here might be revived in the social sciences.

In January, 1935, Mr. Du Bois and Mr. Reid presented to President Hope a proposal for a quarterly publication at Atlanta University in the realm of the social sciences. Pressure of work and illness on the part of the President kept this project from more than casual consideration although it was spoken of and discussed from time to time.

Two years have passed. The field is still open. There is among Negro institutions no journal of sociology and at the same time this field is becoming unusually active with many major studies in process of making, and with a considerable demand for such a journal. Several members of the University are now engaged in important studies and research projects and others presumably will be. We should be in a position to publish these at least in part and have this work redound to the credit of the University. Our standing both in America and abroad is seriously compromised by the lack of a single scientific journal of our own in which our work can be made known. Also the University pays out considerable sums for subscriptions to the publications of other universities which might come to us free in exchange if we had a publication of our own. It would be peculiarly fitting for Atlanta University at this time to enter this field. The University to take its rightful place must not be content to be merely a teaching body. It must become a center of intellectual activity and of real scientific production.

47-12-269

Members of the departments of the social sciences including history, economics, and sociology, have discussed again this year the necessity of action. They propose the publication of a quarterly journal to be called the "Journal of Negro Sociology" or some such designation. They would prefer that this journal be published under the auspices of Atlanta University under such conditions and safeguards as is usual with similar publications in other institutions. They believe that such a journal, while not fully self-supporting, could be published successfully with a deficit of not more than $2,000 a year and perhaps less. They are willing for the first two years, or until the University is satisfied of the value and cost of such publication, themselves to subscribe toward the cost of publication and secure other subscriptions.

They are asking, therefore, that the acting-President and the Board of Trustees shall authorize them to present definite plans with the idea of beginning publication during the year 1937.

Very respectfully,

February

[William Braithwaite]

Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

March 3rd 1937

16-2-58

My dear Dr. Du Bois:-

I am in receipt of a copy of the authorized request in reference to the proposed quarterly journal of sociology, and reading the same with deep interest am very willing to attachxx my signature to the petition which, in due time, shall be presented to the acting-President and Trustees of Atlanta University.

I trust the latter will act upon it with favor and that, in becoming a reality, the Journal will serve the scholarly needs and interests of Negro education which inspired its conception.

Yours very sincerely,,

William S. Braithwaite

Dr. DuBois ——

The letter has my complete approval. How about my signature. I am leaving here early Wednesday morning and shall not return until March 15th. You may write my signature, send me the letter for signing — or hold it until then. Any step taken that will best suit our ends is satisfactory. The Board meets April 23+24.

Yrs W E B Du Bois

March 2, 1(3) over

16-2-60

P.S.

I shall be tackling this Social Security Board proposition between now and March 15. I may be recalled in care of

Bureau of Research & Statistics
Social Security Board
National Theatre Building
Washington D.C.

Journal of Negro

March 5, 1937

My dear Mr. Reid:

The memo to the acting-President and the Board of Trustees is ready for your signature at 209 Administration Building.

Very sincerely yours,

16-2-57

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent to:

Reid
Bacote
Hope
Logan
Braithwaite
Blayton
Milton
Tillman
Chivers
Cook
Eagleson
Dean

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

3/9/37

March 8, 1937

15-29-2

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am asking you, along with your colleagues in the Department of Sociology, to look over the current catalogue with the view of making corrections, revisions or additions for the 1936-1937 catalogue. This catalogue carries also the announcements for the 1937-1938 school year.

I would appreciate your attending to this during this week so that I might have a report the early part of the week of March 14; I am quite anxious to get the catalogue to press.

Very truly yours

John P. Whittaker

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

jpw.b

Cultures - China + Japan

March 9, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I shall be glad to consult with you about these two letters when you have a chance.

16-3-0A

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

3/9/37

March 9, 1937

To the Teachers:

I am sending you our faculty statistics form with the request that you fill it and return it to us by Friday, March 12.

You will notice that we have either pasted or attached such information as we already have relative to you. You will then only need to bring it up to date. If there is not sufficient space on the form to give all the information, kindly supplement the blank with an additional sheet.

We will appreciate your cooperation in getting this information back to us on or before the date stated in this letter.

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

Office of the Registrar
Atlanta University
Morehouse College

bc-31

March 15, 1937

Memo to Mr. Chivers:

Don't forget the Sociology Seminar tonight at seven in my rooms, 302 University Dormitories.

Mr. Walter R. Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

[1937]

a.b. Dept. of Sociology

GRADUATE SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY

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Date	Subject	Person
March 15	Theses	Funchess - McCray
March 29	"	Smith - Montgomery
April 12	"	Rowe - Williams
April 19	Open	
May 3	"	
May 17	"	

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The next meeting of the seminar will be held on Monday, March 15, 7 P.M. with Dr. Du Bois, Men's Dormitory.

SUBJECTS:

"Negro Rural Church--A Study in Social Behavior" - Funchess

"Sociological Study of a Creole Community in Pensacola, Florida" - McCray

817-11-47

[Atlanta University]

SPELMAN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

3/22/37

March 16, 1937

16-3-36

Dear Dr. DuBois:

A letter from Dr. Charles T. Loram seeks an opportunity again for the Yale Seminar Group to visit Atlanta and Atlanta University. They expect to be here for two days, April 13 and 14. Among the things he wishes to have included in the program is "a special conference with Dr. DuBois". Will that be all right with you?

Dr. Loram can not tell yet how many will be here; his guess is ten to twelve.

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FMR:IS

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

16-3-38

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 18, 1937

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois

I have your memorandum of March 18, 1937. The four occasions you have listed, which will require your absence from some of your recitations in March and April, all seem to be important enough to justify the absences.

I am sorry that you will be away the weekend of April 11, since that is Spelman Founders Day. But no doubt we are sorrier about that than you will be!

Florence M. Read

FMR.C

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

March 18, 1937

16-15-13

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Your general letter to the President and the Board of Trustees of Atlanta University, setting forth the need for a Journal of Sociology sponsored by the faculty of the Atlanta University, meets my whole-hearted approval.

I am

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks

W. R. Banks
Principal

WRB:W

March 19, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I shall be absent in Washington March 29, and therefore can not have the pleasure of attending the Seminar.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 19, 1937

16-3-31

Memo to President Read:

The meeting with Dr. Stokes and the Foundations in New York has been postponed until April 30. I shall therefore be here April 13 and 14 to meet Dr. Loram.

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 22, 1937

Memo to President Read:

I shall be glad to confer with Dr. Loram and his group April 13 and 14.

Miss Florence M. Read
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

15-29-4

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
Atlanta, Georgia

3/24/37

March 24, 1937

To the Chairmen of Departments:

I have been asked to make recommendations of a number of people for positions in the Atlanta schools. I would appreciate it if you would give me your estimate of each of the persons from your department who is graduating this year from the University.

Some of the information we would like to have is as follows:

1) What is your estimate of his scholarship?

2) What personality traits have you discovered which might interfere with his work?

3) What is your estimate of his dependability?

4) What have you been able to observe as to his ability to work cooperatively with people and also independently?

If we could have the above information for each candidate for graduation in June early next week, it would be helpful to us.

John P. Whittaker

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

[Atlanta U.]

March 29, 1937

15-29-6

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am asked to go to Washington to testify at the hearing of the proposed educational bill. I have arranged for all my classes.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

47-11-154

Sociology

COURSE 302

Between now and May 7, study the list of concepts in sociological literature at the rate of approximately fifty words a week.

Write down for each word a brief statement of its meaning and the authorities on which you depend for the definition. Use in this work the sociology newly assigned you and also some other book on sociology which you get from the library.

Read the book assigned you through carefully.

During the third week in April, the class will meet on the 13, 14 and 17, instead of the 14, 15 and 16. On May 7, all the definitions written out will be handed in and a writ on examination held on concepts. From May 7 to the end of the term, the time will be devoted to field work.

April 2, 1936

6-3-10

April 7, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

In return for various and sundry favors on my part, I am wondering if during my absence in the North to cajole the Foundations in favor of the Encyclopaedia, you could lecture on any two of the following hours to my classes. The subjects we could choose later and they can be in accordance with your best and most handy knowledge.

Choose two:

Friday, April 23 -	11:40
Monday, April 26 -	11:40
Tuesday, April 27 -	2:45
Wednesday, April 28 -	11:40
Thursday, April 29 -	2:45
Friday, April 30 -	11:40
Monday, May 3 -	11:40

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U].

April 15, 1937

15-29-3

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am passing to you a suggestion from Mr. Reid concerning an orientation course in the social sciences. I think it would be very valuable indeed and I hope it can be carried out.

I suggest also that there be added to our course in sociology a course on Asiatic Culture which would include a survey of China, Japan, and India. American Negroes must become increasingly aware of the colored peoples of Asia.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U]

April 16, 1937

15-29-7

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I do not think that Miss Virginia C. Marshall should spend any more time in course No. 467 - Sociology of Conflict. She has been absent from classes and examinations, has failed to turn in a number of the required papers, and it will be impossible now for her to make up the work. I suggest that she drop this course and concentrate on her other work.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Students

April 16, 1937

Memorandum to Doctor DuBois:

I have asked Miss Virginia Marshall to withdraw from Sociology 467.

Office of the Registrar
Atlanta University

John P. Whittaker

12-01-91

[Atlanta U]

April 16, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Of the persons in my classes who will probably graduate this year I am impressed with the personality of the following although I only know them from their class work:

Etta Julia Rowe
Harvey Johnson
Hugh H. Smythe
S. J. Williams
S. W. Williams
John H. Calhoun
Lewis Watts
Charles R. Lawrence

15-29-5

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 19, 1937

16-3-11

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Charles Johnson suggests May 8 or May 22 for our week-end trip to Nashville. May 22 would suit me best but I could make it May 8. What do you say?

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-12

April 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I find I shall only need your service for one class lecture Tuesday, April 27, at 2:30. I should be glad if you would then speak to my class of nine members in Social Conflicts on "Conflicts and Social Institutions".

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

15-2-51

April 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I shall be out of town from April 24 probably until May 3. I am delivering three lectures in North Carolina and attending a meeting of the Phelps-Stokes Committee. Mr. Reid, Mr. Logan, Mrs. Cannon, and Miss Diggs will attend to my classes. I have already notified the acting-President to this effect.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

4/28/37

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

April 28, 1937

15-29-9

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Miss Read, Acting President of the University, has arranged for a series of departmental meetings during the week April 26 to May 1.

The meeting for the Department of Sociology will be held Wednesday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the University administration building.

Sincerely yours

John P. Whittaker

JPW:C

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 2/1937

16-15-14

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In the light of your wishes I did all that I could to see that Dr. Clement was elected President of Atlanta University. He will be in Atlanta Monday & Tuesday of this week & if you find it convenient, how to talk with him. He will meet me in Jackson, Tennessee Wednesday morning for a Conference.

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks.

May 5, 1937

My dear Miss Read:

I am sorry to have to fail you again. When Mrs. Nabrit called me this noon I thought my engagement was for half-past eight but I find it is for half-past six. I am sorry to disappoint you and shall do better next time.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 6, 1937

16-15-15

My dear Mr. Banks:

I want to hand it to you. You are one of the best politicians I know. I think that the result in the election of President Clements was as fine a service to the Negro as has been done for a long time. I know just how difficult it was and just how much finesse, and courage, and time it took. This may be a real turning point in the educational history of the American Negro and the beginning of the establishment of a real world center of culture and learning among American Negroes.

I sent a short telegram of congratulation to President Clements and received a courteous letter in reply. I was not here when he made his visit. I am sorry. Perhaps, if I had of been here I could hardly have glimpsed him as Mr. Allen said, "He was well guarded." Of course that means that the battle has now begun and it is going to be a hard one and worth every effort. I shall be ready at all times to give whatever advice and cooperation I can.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Banks.

Very sincerely yours,

President W. R. Banks
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

May 6, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I trust you have not forgotten that we go to Nashville Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Logan goes with us. We are having breakfast at the Logans at seven o'clock Saturday morning, and will then drive to Nashville in my car. Let me know if this is satisfactory.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

16-3-41

May 7, 1937

Memo to President Read:

Dr. Davage has been trying to make an appointment with you in regard to the charges for room and board at the dormitory this summer. You will remember that the fraternity wants the dormitory open August 10, for supper; August 11, 12, 13, all day; August 14, for breakfast. Will you not kindly let me know today:

a. the cost of opening and closing the dormitory, and maintaining it during these days

b. the cost per person for room and board during these days, and the minimum number of persons required at this rate

c. any other costs or charges?

I do not want to hurry you in this matter but our publicity ought to have gone out May 1, and must, if possible, go out tomorrow.

Miss Florence M. Read
~~Atlanta University~~
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta University]

16-3-42

May 11, 1937

Memo to Miss Read:

Dr. Davage and I have tried in vain to get in touch with you with regard to the cost of board and room in the dormitory this summer, and have been unable to get any response. I have, therefore, asked him, on my own responsibility, to send out notices that the cost for board and room will be two dollars a day for each individual. We can, of course, modify this in a later circular but from our experience and the charge usually made here, it seems to me to be a fair decision.

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

5/19/37

16-3-14

May 12, 1937

Mr. John P. Whittaker, Registrar
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

As requested at the meeting with you and Miss Read, I am attaching a breakdown of the number of teaching hours each division of study will have to provide for the Orientation course in the Social Sciences, if it is to be offered during the 1937-1938 term.

Please keep in mind that course has to be worked out very carefully before the semester begins if it is to be used, and that any changes or suggestions should be made prior to that time. Furthermore, it is very necessary that the departments concerned meet together to discuss the form and matter of the course as designed.

Sincerely yours,

Ira De A. Reid

cc: Dr. Dubois

[Enclosure]

16-3-15

ORIENTATION COURSE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

(Meeting three times weekly, 1937-38)

	TEACHING PERIODS		
	Total	First Semester	Second Semester
Sociology	42	21	21
History and Political Science	21	14	7
Economics	16	8	8
Education	2	-	2
Social Work	3	-	3
Religion	2	-	2
Biology	2	-	2
Psychology	2	-	2
Total	90	43	47

May 12, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Enclosed is a summary of our conference with Johnson. Read it over and criticize and correct it. Then I will send copies to him, you, and Logan. By the way, I have had a brilliant thought. It might be possible to induce both the NAACP and the Urban League to turn over their two magazines since they are both liabilities!

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

May 17, 1937

15-2-10

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

May I have a list of the courses taken in the University by each candidate for the master's degree in sociology this year?

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

May 17, 1937

15-29-11

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

The textbooks for my courses are as follows: Cooperation - Warbasse, "Cooperative Democracy" published by the Cooperative League, 167 West 12th Street, New York City; for Anthropology - Linton, "The Study of Man" published by the Appleton Co.

I should like to have the seminar in cooperation come three times a week: one period of an hour early in the day and two periods of two hours each later in the day or at night say from 4 to 6 on Tuesday and Thursday or from 7 to 9.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta Univereity
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

15-29-12

May 19, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I seem to have trouble in getting one of my degrees printed in the Atlanta University catalogue. Will you please in the next catalogue, and thereafter, add to my degrees, Ll. D., Howard University, 1930. Also if the usuage of the summer school catalogue is to be followed this entry should come in: Atlanta University 1896-1910, 1933-

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

May 26, 1937

15-29-13

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am handing Mr. T. S. Coles, who is enrolled in course No. 471, Sociology of the American Negro, the enclosed memorandum. Unless he does this make-up work successfully I can give him no mark in this course. He started off very well, and tells me he has been employed and has not had time for work.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

16-3-43

May 27, 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing to inform you of your reappointment to the faculty of Atlanta University for the year 1937-1938.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine cooperation which you have given to me as Acting President during the past year. I believe that the ideals and purposes set forth by Mr. Hope were carried forward through your efforts, in class and out, to relate the work of the University to the lives of people; and that, insofar as we succeeded not only in getting our students to meet specific academic requirements but in training them to health of body, mind, and soul, we have been working out the high destiny of the University.

I bespeak for the newly elected President your sympathetic understanding and a high measure of devotion to our common cause.

Sincerely yours

Florence M. Read

Acting President

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

FMR.C

May 28, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

Do you know anyone

we could recommend to LeMoyne?

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 28, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Will you kindly send a copy

of the catalogue to:

Miss Juanita C. De Shield
3283 St. James Street
Montreal
Canada

15-29

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-44

May 31, 1937

Memo to Miss Read:

Would it not greatly simplify your housing problem for the summer school if we should continue to occupy our suites in the University Dormitory?

W. E. B. Du Bois
Ira De A. Reid

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

EXACT COPY

TO: DR. W. E. B. Du BOIS

FROM: Ira De A. Reid

DATE: June 1, 1937

16-3-24

Statistics yawned and four prospective graduates fell into its mighty jaws--the Misses Funchess, McCray and Rowe, and Mrs. Montgomery. As it is one of the required courses of the Department, the student must earn a passing grade of B at least.

Last year a similar problem arose, creating quite an academic stench. This might be avoided this year if we agree that the easier thing for the students concerned to do is to take Statistics during the coming summer school, receive credit therefor by passing the examination for that course, and receiving a certificate to the effect that full work for the degree has been completed. These degrees, I understand, will be awarded in 1938, as of 1937.

A satisfactory course in Statistics is not listed for the summer session but I have expressed myself to Miss Read as willing to conduct an advanced course for the benefit of these students, if necessary.

A later thought--if Mr. Whiting is amenable to giving another examination ere school closes it will be satisfactory with me. However I do not favor suggesting or recommending such an examination.

I am enclosing Mrs. Montgomery's comprehensive examination. Honestly, Dr. Du Bois, I do not see how we can approve this examination. Since this student has failed Statistics she will have to attend the summer session anyway. I suggest that a study program be devised for her for the summer and that she be re-examined at the end of the session.

The official transcript of Mrs. Montgomery indicates an unsatisfactory grade of "C" in Statistics for the first semester.

As I did not wish to throw the whole responsibility for this matter upon you I have omitted Mrs. Montgomery's name from the list of students satisfactorily passing their comphrehensive examinations. But since you may be called upon to give a final estimate or opinion on the matter I am advising you of my position.

IDAR/h

[Atlanta U.]

June 4, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am leaving town Monday, June 7, for New York. Miss Diggs will attend to the registration of my students June 14, and I shall be here June 15.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

15-29-15

June 5, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I shall not be here for the faculty meeting June 12, but if there is anything I can attend to before I go Monday night please let me know.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta U.]

15-29-16

June 16, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Students in my 8:30 class clain that their 7:30 class is not out until 8:30. It should be out at 8:20 should it not?

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

June 17, 1937

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Memo to Mr. Logan:

1. Did Mr. Logan get in Washington my letter concerning the Daniel Murray collection?

2. What honoraria to Latin-American Scholars are now due?

3. What work can Mr. Logan do during the summer?

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June 21, 1937

Miss Florence M. Read, Acting President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Miss Read:

16-3-18

As I can no longer postpone taking a final step in this matter of my employments, I submit herewith my resignation as Professor of Sociology in Atlanta University, effective as of June 30, 1937. I sincerely regret that longer notice of this action could not be given. But, since, in the first place, it appears to be both professionally and personally unwise to continue the juxtaposition of jobs; and, since after these weeks it does not seem possible to obtain any definite statement of terms of my appointment for 1937-38, beyond your statement three weeks ago of what you hoped would be possible, I have made this choice.

The matter of my summer school work I hope can be adjusted satisfactorily with respect to the students since arrangements are being made for stationing me in Atlanta until July 23, reporting to Washington on July 25. The class from 7:30-8:30 I can meet satisfactorily. It will be necessary, however, to arrange hours after five o'clock for the class in Statistics and for interviews on theses. While this is not the happiest adjustment, I believe it the one that will most nearly meet the exigency. Meanwhile, the conditions of employment governing this work, if doing it is acceptable to the administration, should be agreed upon prior to its beginning.

I have enjoyed working at Atlanta, and I cherish the pleasant relationships with Mr. Hope and you.

Cordially yours,

Ira De A. Reid

IDAR/h

draft

June 22, 1937

My dear Miss Read:

Yesterday morning Mr. Ira Reid sent to me as head of the Department of Sociology a copy of the resignation which he has submitted to you. I need hardly say that I was terribly upset. I think that you know quite as well as I the long and deep desire of President Hope to have Mr. Reid at Atlanta University. Years before there was any idea of my coming Mr. Hope had talked with me about Mr. Reid. When he finally made him a definite offer he asked me to make a special trip in order to persuade him to accept the offer of Atlanta University rather than that of Fisk. He knew at that time that Mr. Reid could have stayed with the Urban League or he could have come to Fisk. I am sure that today the Department of Sociology at Fisk would meet any reasonable demand which he would make for salary and conditions of work. The United States government has offered him an unusual place and Howard University could and would use his services in part.

On the other hand, Mr. Reid had definitely decided to cast in his lot with Atlanta University because of the hope that he had for its development as a real institution of learning. My association with him this year has been most happy and we have far-reaching plans for the development of this department. To have him leave now would be a calamity, and I write to ask that you do everything in your power to keep his services. His going would not only be a positive loss but perhaps you do not realize the indirect consequences. Mr. Reid is the best trained young Negro in sociology today. There is wide demand for his services. If he leaves us we not only lose his ability and knowledge but we shall also suffer because of the reason for his withdrawal. It is, of course, not my province to inquire into the details of those reasons but certainly we cannot have the public know that a professor of Atlanta University felt compelled to withdraw because he was unable to "obtain any definite statement of terms of my appointment for 1937 and 1938". It will be increasingly impossible in the future to attract the right kind of teacher to Atlanta University if such a condition is going to confront them. I do not, of course, know all the circumstance but I am morally certain that a definite, clear, written statement of Mr. Reid's present status and adequate promises for the future would secure his services for Atlanta University.

I beg of you to make every effort to see that he gets this.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Florence M. Read
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ.]

July 2, 1937

A1-22-51

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

I am arranging for the last three Mondays of the summer school to have my Seminar in Cooperation meet evenings from seven to nine instead of Tuesdays from eleven to one. The Thursday hour will remain as at present. Will be any difficulty securing admission to the building and rooms at those hours?

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-3-20

July 14, 1937

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I am going to need modest office space from August 29 to September 18 in New York. Have you any suggestions? Will you need any such space? One year I hired desk room in the office of the man who lives in Flushing and runs the Boy Scouts. I cannot remember his name, do you kow him?

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. DuBois

[Atlanta University]

To: Business Offices

Atlanta University and Morehouse College

16-19-22

Because of the discourtesy of Western Union messengers generally in the Administration Building, we have decided to send all telegrams through the Postal Telegraph Company. Will you please cooperate by calling Postal for your business communications, beginning today.

In receiving incoming messages from Western Union, please make note of the number and attitude of the messenger. You will be asked for a report on this later.

Rufus E. Clement

President, Atlanta University

Chas. D. Hubert

Acting President, Morehouse College

July 16, 1937

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 11, 1937

11-19-27

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As you know, registration for the new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 21. I am writing to inform you that University teachers will be expected to report to the Registrar's office on Saturday morning, September 18 at nine o'clock.

I hope that your summer has been enjoyable, and that you are anticipating a year of pleasant and profitable work.

Sincerely yours

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3-A
New York, New York

REC:J

[Atlanta Univ.]

September 14, 1937

Dear President Clement:

16-19-28

Your letter of September 11 reached me on the afternoon of September 13. I regret to say that this is too short a notice for me to report to the University September 18 at 9 a. m. I drive down in three days, and have planned to leave here the 18th and arrive in Atlanta the afternoon of the 20th, thus being in time for registration September 21. I could not pack, cancel appointments, and close my New York office in time to leave on the 15th. Since I have been at the University I have always understood that teachers were expected to be at the University for registration as set down in the catalogue. If they are to come earlier, I should be glad to have due notice of the exact date at least by September 1.

I am very sorry indeed not to be able this year to comply with your request.

Very sincerely yours,

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[September 15, 1937]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

Dept of Sociology

READINGS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN SOCIOLOGY

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES IN SOCIOLOGY ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF BOTH NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE IN ALL CLOSELY ALLIED FIELDS AS WELL AS A THOROUGH FAMILIARITY WITH THE LITERATURE OF SOCIOLOGY. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS THAT WILL INDICATE SOMETHING OF THIS SCOPE.

1. Social Origins. (Pre-literate Society)

BENEDICT, R. - PATTERNS OF CULTURE
BOAS, FRANZ - THE MIND OF PRIMITIVE MAN
CALVERTON, V. F. - MAKING OF MAN
GOLDENWEISER, A. A. -. EARLY CIVILIZATION
HOBHOUSE, L. T. - MORALS IN EVOLUTION
KROEBER, A. L. - ANTHROPOLOGY
LEVY-BRUHL, L. -. PRIMITIVE MENTALITY
LOWIE, R. H. -. PRIMITIVE SOCIETY; INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
MALINOWSKI, B. - SEX AND REPRESSION IN PRIMITIVE SOCIETY
SUMNER, W. G. - FOLKWAYS
THOMAS, W. I. - SOURCE BOOK OF SOCIAL ORIGINS. (REVISED ED.)
WESTERMARCK, E. -. THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF MORAL IDEAS.
WISSLER, C. - MAN AND CULTURE: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY.

2. Human Geography

BRUNHES, J. - HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
FEBVRE, L. - A GEOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY
HUNTINGTON, E. -. CIVILIZATION AND CLIMATE

3. Social Institutions

BURY, J. B. - THE IDEA OF PROGRESS
FOLSOM, J. K. - THE FAMILY
FREUND, E. -. STANDARDS OF AMERICAN LEGISLATION
HERTZLER, J. O. - SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS
HOWARD, G. E. -. HISTORY OF MATRIMONIAL INSTITUTIONS
KELSEY, CARL - THE PHYSICAL BASIS OF SOCIETY (2ND ED.)
KIRKPATRICK, C. - RELIGION IN HUMAN AFFAIRS
LASKI, H. -. POLITICAL THEORY OF THE MODERN STATE
LIPPMAN, W. - PUBLIC OPINION
LYND, ROBERT AND HELEN - MIDDLE TOWN IN TRANSITION; also Middletown
MOORE, G. F. - BIRTH AND GROWTH OF RELIGION
MOWRER, E. - FAMILY DISORGANIZATION: THE FAMILY, ITS ORGANIZATION AND DISORGANIZATION
MUMFORD, LEWIS - TECHNICS AND CIVILIZATION
NIEBUHR, R. - SOCIAL SOURCES OF DENOMINATIONALISM
OGBURN, W. F. - SOCIAL CHANGE

3. Social Institutions (Continued.)

Oppenheim, F. - The State
Popenoe, P. - The Conservation of the Family
President s Research Committee on Social Trends - Recent Social Trends
Reuter, E. B. and Runner, J. R. - The Family
Shotwell, J. T. - The Religious Revolution of Today
Sorokin, P. - Social Mobility
Westermarck, E. - History of Marriage
Westermarck, E. - Short History of Marriage
Weber, M. - Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.

4. Social Biology

Conklin, E. G. -. Heredity and Environment
Edman, I - Human Traits
Ellis, H. - Man and Woman
Guyer, M. F. - Being Well-Born (2nd ed.)
Hogben, L. - Genetic Principles in Medicine and Social Science
Holmes, S. J. -The Trend of the Race: Eugenic Predicament.
Jennings, H. S. - Biological Basis of Human Nature
Thomas, W. I. - Sex and Society

5. Social Psychology

Allport, F. H. - Social Psychology
Bernard, L. L. -. Introduction to Social Psychology
Cooley, C. H. -. Human Nature and the Social Order
Folsom, J. K. - Social Psychology
Ginsburg, M. - The Psychology of Society
Koffka, K. - The Growth of the Mind
McDougal, W. - Introduction to Social Psychology
Murphy, G. - Experimental Social Psychology
Tansley, A. G. - The New Psychology
Young, K. - Source Book on Social Psychology: Social Psychology: Social Attitudes

6. Social Problems

(1) Social Well-Being
Bossard, J. H. S. - Social Change and Social Problems
Davies, S. P. - Social Control of the Mentally Deficient
De Schweinitz, K. - The Art of Helping People Out of Trouble
Douglas and Director - Problem of Unemployment
Elliott and Merrill - Social Disorganization
Faris, E. et al - Intelligent Philantropy

6. Social Problems (continued)

Hart, B. - The Psychology of Insanity
Falk, Rorem and Ring - Costs of Medical Care
Kelso, R. - The Science of Public Welfare: Poverty
Lichtenberger, J. P. - Divorce
Mangold, G. - Problems of Child Welfare (Rev. ed. 1924)
Moore, H. H. - American Medicine and the People's Health.
Queen, S. A. - Social Work in the Light of History
Queen, Bodenhafer, Harper - Social Organization and Disorganization
Park and Burgess - The Urban Community
Richmond, M. A. - What Is Social Case Work
Robinson, V. - Changing Psychology of Social Case Work
Rubinow, I. M. - Quest for Security
Strecker, E. A. and Edaugh, F. - Clinical Psychiatry
Warner, Queen, and Harper - American Charities and Social Work
Wickes, F. G. - The Inner World of Childhood

(2) Crime
Gillin, J. L. - Criminology and Penology (2nd ed.)
Glueck and Glueck - 500 Delinquent Women: 500 Criminal Careers: 1000 Juvenile Delinquents
Healy, Wm. - The Individual Delinquent
Healy, Wm. and Bronner, A. F. - Delinquents and Criminals. Their Making and Unmaking.
Robinson, L. N. - Penology in the United States
Shaw, C. - Delinquency Areas: The Jackroller: Natural History of a Delinquent Career
Sutherland, E. H. - Principles of Criminology (1934)
Thomas, W. I. - The Unadjusted Girl
The Cleveland Crime Survey, The Missouri Crime Survey, the Illinois Crime Survey
The "Wickersham Reports"
White House Conference - The Delinquent Child

(3) Race
Hankins, F. H. -. The Racial Basis of Civilization
Jenks, J. W. and Lauck, W. T. - The Immigration Problem (6th ed.)
Lindquist, G. E. E. - The Red Man in the United States
Miller, H. A. - Races, Nations and Classes
Pittard, E. - Race and History
Reuter, E. B. - The American Race Problem
Young, D. R. - American Minority Peoples

(4) Population
Carr-Saunders, A. M. - Population
East, E. M. - Mankind at the Crossroads

(4) Population (continued)

Kuczynski, R. - Balance of Births and Deaths
Lorimer and Osborne - Dynamics of Population
Thompson, Warren S. - Population Problems (2nd ed. 1935)
Wright, Harold - Population

7. Social Theory

Abel, T. - Systematic Sociology in Germany
Barnes, H. E. - History and Prospects of the Social Sciences
Bernard, L. L. - Fields and Methods of Sociology
Bogardus, E. S. - The History of Social Thought (2nd ed)
Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences - Introduction
Eubank, E. - Concepts of Sociology
Hearnshaw, J. F. C. (ed.) - King's College Lectures on Social and Political Ideas (8 vols.)
Hook, S. - Toward an Understanding of Karl Marx
Lichtenberger, J. P. - The Development of Social Theory.
Ogburn, W. F. and Goldenweiser, A. - The Social Sciences and their Interrelations
Pareto, V. - Mind and Society
Sorokin, P. - Contemporary Sociological Theories
Thomas, W. I. and Znaniecki, F. - The Polish Peasant (Methodological Note)

8. Principles and Methods of Research

Chaddock, R. E. - Principles and Methods of Statistics
Cohen, M. - Reason and Nature
Elderton, - Primer of Statistics
Giddings, F. H. - The Scientific Study of Human Society.
Lewis, G. N. - The Anatomy of Science
Lindeman, Eduard C. - Social Discovery
Patterson, C. H. - Problems of Logic
Pearson, Karl - The Grammer of Science
Rice, S. A. - Methods in Social Science
Schluter, W. C. - How to do Research Work
Teggart, F. J. - Theory of History
Wolf, A. - Essentials of Scientific Method

9. Texts and Periodicals

Bogardus, E. S. - Contemporary Sociology
Davis and Barnes - An Introduction to Sociology
Dawson and Gettys - Introduction to Sociology
Giddings, F. H. - Principles of Sociology
Hankins, F. H. - Introduction to the Study of Society (2nd ed.)
Hiller, E. - Principles of Sociology
Lumley, - Principles of Sociology (rev. 1934)
MacIver, R. M. - Society - Its Structure and Changes

PARK AND BURGESS - INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE PF SOCIOLOGY
ROSS, E. A. - PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY
SMALL, A. W. - GENERAL SOCIOLOGY
YOUNG, KIMBALL - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY
AMERICAN SOCIOLOGY REVIEW
ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY
SOCIAL FORCES
SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH
THE FAMILY
THE SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW
THE SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEW
THE SURVEY

STUDENTS SHOULD ACCUSTOM THEMSELVES TO LOOKING UP CONSTANTLY PERTINENT ARTICLES IN THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLES WILL BE FOUND THERE AS WELL AS TREATMENTS OF PRACTICALLY EVERY SUBJECT IN OUR FIELD.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ADVANCED STUDENTS IN SOCIOLOGY SHOULD HAVE SOME FAMILIARITY WITH " SOCIOLOGICAL" NOVELS, DRAMAS AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY. THIS INCLUDES THE WORKS OF SHAW, WELLS, GALSWORTHY, BENNETT, DREISER, DOS PASSOS AND MORE RECENT AUTHORS; THE AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF MRS. WEDD, LINCOLN STEFFENS AND THE LEADERS OF THE SOCIAL SETTLEMENT MOVEMENT. SUPPLEMENTARY LISTS WILL BE ADDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1937

[Braithwaite]

September 24, 1937

Memo to Mr. Braithwaite:

I have just sent the enclosed memo to the President. When you have read this, kindly return it to me at your convenience.

Mr. William S. Braithwaite
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Atlanta Univ]

September 24, 1937

My dear President Clement:

I venture to call your attention to the Atlanta University dining room in the hope that when you find opportunity you will look into conditions there. I have been boarding there now for four years and it seems to me that conditions have been getting progressively worse.

The difficulty is not with the management but with the responsibilities and services which the dining room is trying to bear and carry out. Last year, for instance, about 230 Morehouse undergraduates boarded in this dining room paying $14.00 per month for board; 55 Atlanta University students boarded there paying nominally $20.00 per month for board, but since a considerable part of these were on fellowships they paid little or nothing and the cost of their board was met by the University; and finally 48 teachers and persons of that category paid $20.00 per month for board. The attempt to cater to these various classes of boarders results in almost insoluble problems. Teachers and students do not want the same kind of board, yet there is only one steam table along which all boarders must line up and wait their turn. Sometimes the line is a hundred persons long, and if in order to avoid the long wait a teacher comes late, the condition of the dining room with its array of dirty dishes and half consumed food is most unpleasant. The help in the dining room is student help and not entirely efficient or reliable. The board furnished is practically the same for all boarders except that at dinner teachers may get some extras; but in general whether persons pay $14.00 or $20.00 the board must naturally approximate the lower figure which the great majority pay.

The Morehouse undergraduates are average young men. By far the greater part of them are well disposed and amenable to guidance. But they are turned loose in this dining room without any guidance whatsoever and without a single person in attendance who has any authority over them. In the old Atlanta University dining room there was a teacher at each table with example and authority and the dining room became one of the best class rooms of the college. But in the present University dining room not a single officer of Morehouse College is present. The students are a law to themselves with the result that the more careless, and unruly students dominate the scene. The mode of dress is often unsuitable, and table manners are bad. There is scuffling and sometimes throwing of food, and the furniture has been very badly used.

During the first years visitors were taken to this dining room with great satisfaction. That is impossible today. There ought to be at least a half dozen Morehouse officials present at each meal.

Conditions at Spelman are better. The food furnished the teachers there is better in quality and variety than in the University dining room and is served neatly and more appetizingly and there is very little waiting. Last year 36 Spelman teachers paid $22.00 a month for board but the difference in the board furnished for $22.00 at Spelman and for $20.00 in the University dining room was very considerable. I should guess that the food furnished Spelman teachers would cost the University at least $25.00 a month while the cost of the food furnished University teachers could scarcely exceed $15.00 a month. The Spelman dining room has two steam tables with the head dietitian presiding over the teachers dining room and an able assistant over the students. Moreover, the two dining rooms are in juxtaposition so that discipline can, if necessary, be easily applied.

I am aware that there is always complaint in large dining rooms and especially in colleges where costs must be kept down, but I am more or less familiar with the accomodations furnished teachers in a large number of the leading institutions and have followed their methods for many years. I am convinced that we have for the Atlanta University teachers the poorest accomodations that I know. At the same time remedies for this situation are not easy to find and yet I think that careful investigation and consultation can bring decided betterment. As it is I know that there is great complaint and dissatisfaction among the teachers and that the meals which were for a time a chance for interesting social intercourse and relaxation are progressively growing less so. Nearly all the teachers spend considerable sums for food to supplement the food furnished in the dining room. During the last semester of 1936-37 I spent something like a hundred dollars for food outside my board bill.

I suggest, therefore, that at your convenience this matter be thoroughly investigated and possible improvements considered.

Very sincerely yours,

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

During the first years visitors were taken to this dining room with great satisfaction. That is impossible today. There ought to be at least a half dozen Morehouse officials present at each meal.

Conditions at Spelman where I boarded my first half year are better. The food furnished the teachers there is better in quality and variety than in the University dining room and is served neatly and more appetisingly and there is very little waiting. Last year 36 Spelman teachers paid $22.00 a month for board but the difference in the board furnished for $22.00 at Spelman and for $20.00 in the University dining room was very considerable. I should guess that the food furnished Spelman teachers would cost Spelman at least $25.00 a month while the cost of the food furnished University teachers can scarcely cost $16.00 a month. The Spelman dining room has two steam tables with the head dietitian presiding over the teachers dining room and an able assistant over the students. Moreover, the two dining rooms are in juxtaposition so that discipline can, if necessary, be easily applied. The dietitian in charge of the University dining room is able and hardworking but has an impossible task.

16-19-24

I am aware that there is always complaint in large dining rooms and especially in colleges where costs must be kept down, but I am more or less familiar with the boarding conditions in a large number of the leading institutions and have followed their methods for many years. I am convinced that we have for the Atlanta University teachers unusually poor boarding conditions. Certainly there is great complaint and dissatisfaction among our teachers and that the meals which were for a time a chance for interesting social intercourse and relaxation are progressively growing less so. Nearly all the teachers spend considerable sums for food to supplement the food furnished in the dining room. During the last semester of 1936-37 I spent something like a hundred dollars for food outside my board bill.

Remedies for this situation will not be easy to find and yet I think that careful investigation and consultation can bring decided betterment. I suggest, therefore, that at your convenience this matter be thoroughly investigated and possible improvements considered.

Very sincerely yours,

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

September 24, 1937

14-3-21

Memo to Mr. Reid:

We ought to have a conference concerning sociological material for the library in accordance with the President's suggestion last night.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

September 24, 1937

16-3-22

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I have just send the enclosed memo to the President. When you have read this, kindly return it to me at your convenience.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

September 24, 1937

Memo to President Clement:

16-19-29

I should be glad to have in my office this school year the services of three student helpers: one who could use a typewriter so as to be able to copy statements and manuscripts, and two who could be used in helping to catalogue the books, pamphlets, and papers in the department of sociology. The latter two would not need to be library experts but intelligent persons who could look up and compare references, make use of lists through which we could order Library of Congress cards and make out library cards where Library of Congress cards could not be obtained.

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 29, 1937

16-19-25

Dear Doctor DuBois:

Please let me thank you for your letter of September 24 calling my attention to certain conditions existing in connection with the Atlanta University dining hall.

I assure you that I shall look into this matter immediately and that we shall be pleased to put into operation whatever changes may be effected.

Yours very truly

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

REC.C

[Atlanta Univ.]

October 1, 1937

15-27-12

Memo to the Registrar:

The case of Daniel Lewis Smith illustrates a difficulty in graduate work which ought to be taken up. Smith simply has not the education in English and general educational background which will enable him to do graduate work. It would be wrong to encourage him to think that he could get a master's degree in sociology. The question is what is to be done in a case of his sort. I wish you would take this matter up and compare my judgment with that of other teachers.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

October 4, 1937

16-3-23

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I received a letter from Charles Johnson a copy of which I enclose. Shall we get together and consider this?

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NOTICE TO TEACHERS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES:

10-19-37

Mr. Karl W. Bigelow will spend Tuesday, October 19, at Atlanta University, and may wish to visit your classes or talk with you.

At the request of the General Education Board, Mr. Bigelow is engaged in making a study of general education with special reference to work being done in the field of the social sciences.

Rufus E. Clement

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

October 7, 1937

October 11, 1937

Memorandum to President Clement:

Your notice of October seventh leads me as head of the department of sociology to send you for your information the enclosed memorandum concerning this department.

46-3-18

President Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copy

October 11, 1937

Memorandum to President Clement:

President Hope first asked Dr. Du Bois to come to Atlanta University in 1929. He arranged to come for a few lectures in 1931 and began teaching the second semester of the school year 1932-1933.

Proposals for Sociological Research. President Hope was anxious that Atlanta University begin again in some form the widely known work that had been conducted from 1897 to 1910. A first proposal was made by Dr. Du Bois for a scientific survey of the economic condition of the Negro. This was set down in October, 1932 as ~~involving the following projects:~~ follows (A)

1. An Encyclopaedia of the Negro
2. A series of projects, involving economic and social remedies, and based on an effort designed to unite three elements: scientific knowledge, social reform, practical business
3. Allied cultural and scientific studies. Plans to bring into cultural connection and personal contact, the leading thinkers and executives of the various groups of Negroes throughout the world
4. A revival of the Pan-African Congresses in connection with such celebrations as the 100th anniversary of the West Indian emancipation
5. An attempt to integrate the teaching concerning Negroes and darker races, in elementary schools, high schools and colleges, both colored and white.

Nothing was done about this. (See memoranda dated October 5 and October 14, 1932)

February 15, 1933 a plan was made by Dr. Du Bois for an intensive study of twenty-five or thirty churches with incidental attention to a larger number. This was at the request of Dr. Gayland M. Fisher of Chicago. Nothing came of this. (See memorandum dated February 15, 1933)

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Revised

October 11, 1937

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This falls into two parts:

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October 11, 1937

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No syllabus cards for Katherine Johnson and Miss Hamilton have been presented.

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Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

October 22, 1937

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

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		French	English
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October 25, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

May I have a copy of the questions used in the recently given University examinations in English Fundamentals and in French?

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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October 26, 1937

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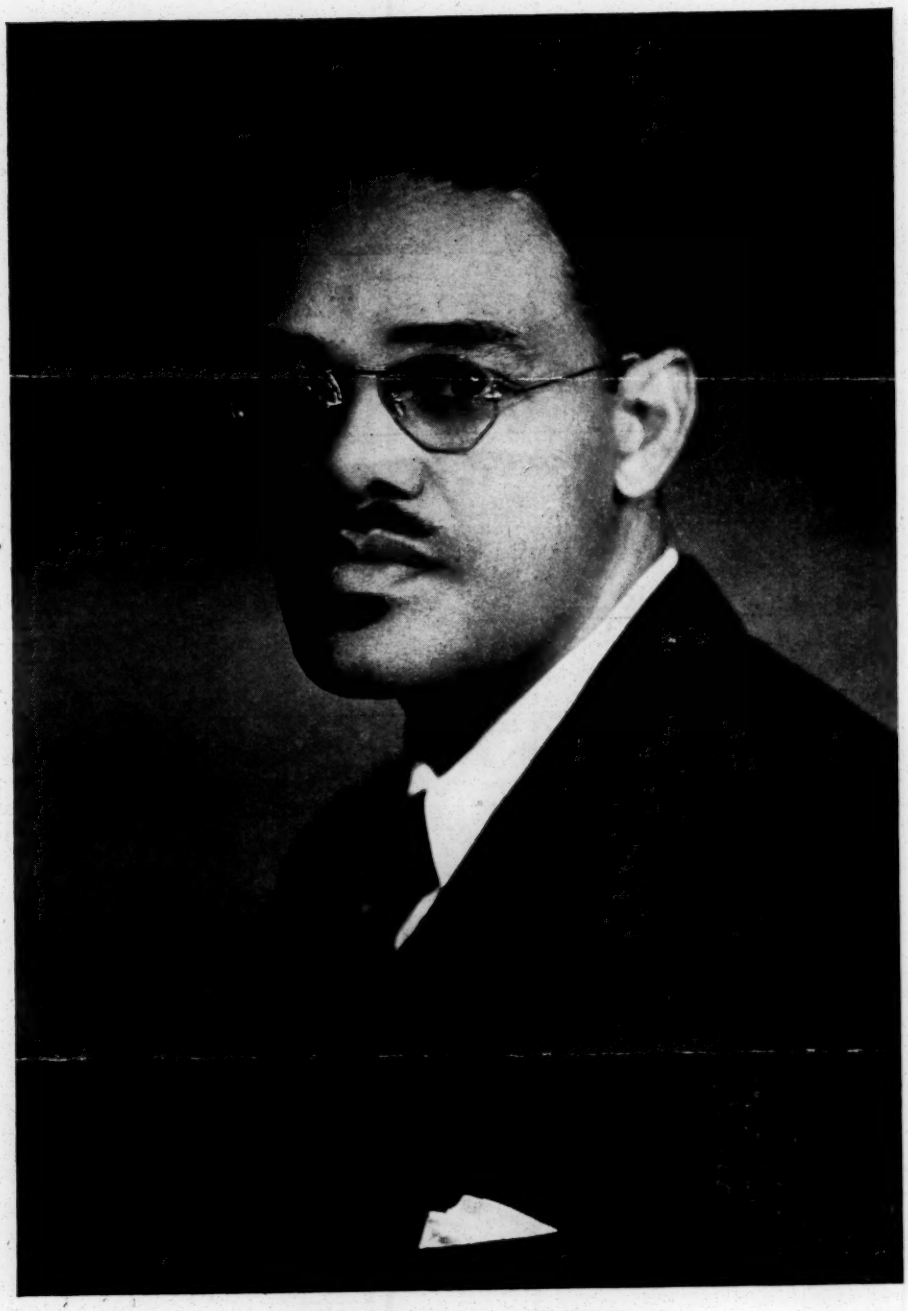

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4. Music ..... Booker T. Washington High School

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5. Colleges ..... Dr. C. D. Hubert
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Attorney-at-Law

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Two-Minute Speakers for :

9. Methodist Denomination ..... Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr.
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10. The Press ..... Mr. C. A. Scott
General Manager Atlanta Daily World

11. Baptist Ministerial Alliance ..... Dr. M. L. King
Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church

12. Music ..... Harreld String Quartet
Atlanta University

PROGRAM — Continued

13. Social Welfare and the Women of Atlanta ..... Mrs. H. W. Pitts
General Welfare Worker and Supervisor of Carrie Steele Home

14. Interdenominational Ministerial Union ..... Rev. John C. Wright
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15. Business Men ..... Mr. J. B. Blayton
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16. Bass Solo ..... Mr. Benjamin Anderson
Morehouse College

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DR. RUFUS E. CLEMENT

Dr. Rufus Early Clement was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, about thirty-seven years ago. He is the son of the late Bishop George C. Clement, a distinguished leader in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Dr. Clement is a graduate of Livingstone College. He holds also the degree of bachelor of divinity from Garrett Biblical Institute and master of arts and doctor of philosophy from Northwestern University. Upon completion of his college work and his graduate studies, he returned to Salisbury to be, first, a teacher of history in Livingstone College and later its dean. In 1931, he was called to Louisville to be the head of the newly-organized Municipal College for Negroes, which was set up as a part of the University of Louisville. In addition to his administrative duties, he served as professor of history.

Dr. Clement's special field of academic interest is history and government. He is a member of the American Historical Association and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He has been active in the several associations which are working for improvement of Negro education, and has served as president of both the National Associtaion of Teachers in Colored Schools and the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars.

Dr. Clement was unanimously elected president of Atlanta University at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 24, 1937.

[Atlanta Univ.]

15-29-21

November 17, 1937

Memo to Mr. Whittaker:

Here are the mid-term marks for Course No. 471. I do not know what to say about D. L. Smith. He works as hard if not harder than anyone in the clas but his English is so atrocious that I am unable to know whether it is mainly bad English or inability to think straight back of it. His case ought to be a matter of careful consideration.

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

15-29-22

November 18, 1937

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

Mr. Tillman is working with D. L. Smith and I am hoping that he can be helped. He may be an impossible case. A few more weeks with him, however, ought to settle that question.

John P. Whittaker

[Enclosure]

16-3-27

ITEMS FOR CORRECTION

FOR

THESIS BY KATHRYN RICHARDSON

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3	FOOTNOTE ON GREENE REFERENCE INCOMPLETE
4	PAGES ON REFERENCES
5	" " "
7	THERE SHOULD BE A PARAGRAPH FOLLOWING THE ONE ENDING WITH "AFFILIATIONS," DEALING WITH THE CATEGORIES COVERING NEGROES; TREATED SIMILARLY TO THE PARAGRAPH TAKEN FROM WHO S WHO.
8	HOW DO YOU SHOW "POTENTIALITIES OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN REARED;" "PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH DIFFERENT RACES;" AND "THE PART PLAYED BY BOOKS" AS SOCIAL BACKGROUND?
8	LAST PARAGRAPH - "PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHIC AREA." STATEMENT NOT TRUE- ALMOST ONE-HALF COME FROM SOUTH ATLANTIC AREA--NEARLY THREE-FOURTHS WERE BORN IN SOUTH.
10	L. 17- CHANGE "AS" TO "WITH" L. 22- DELETE "WITH"
12	L. 2 - "A FURTHER ANALYSIS ETC" - WHAT PERSONS? SECOND PARAGRAPH - DATA SHOULD BE SHOWN IN TABLE (APPENDIX). WHAT OF THE 8 PERSONS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR?
13	SECOND PARAGRAPH - LOST SENTENCE. WHY? AUTHORITY FOR STATEMENT?
13 & 14	TAKE OUT THESE "NO DOUBT" EXPRESSIONS
14	FOURTH LINE - CHANGE "WORKR" TO "EMPLOYMENTS". SECOND PARAGRAPH - "REPRESENTATIVES"?
15 TO 17	TABLE IV AND V: THIS SHOULD BE SIZE AT NEAREST CENSUS YEAR TO DATE OF BIRTH. IT HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE OTHERWISE. CHECK SPELLING IN THIS TABLE. THE NAMES OF SEVERAL AREAS ARE SPELLED INCORRECTLY. CHANGE "INTERVALS" TO "SIZE OF AREA." SEPARATE COUNTIES FROM MUNICIPALITIES. SEE CHECKS ON SECOND COPY

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18	FIRST SENTENCE "COMPARATIVELY LARGE NUMBER"? SECOND PARAGRAPH - CHAPTER- LOWER CASE "NO DOUBT"--
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20	THIRD LINE FOLLOWING TABLE - HUNDRED FOURTH LINE FOLLOWING CHANGE "REPRESENTS" TO "IS." SEVENTH LINE - CHANGE "SELECTED" TO "ELECTED". THE LAST SENTENCE ON THIS PAGE REFLECTS FAULTY RESEARCH.
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38	CHECK TABLES.
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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

J. P. Whittaker

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

December 4, 1937

15-29-23

Memorandum to Dr. DuBois:

In reply to your memorandum in regard to Miss Durham, let me say that I am sending for her today and will not make a decision relative to the examination until I have had a talk with her. She certainly needs some practical education and I am doubtful if we ought to encourage her.

J. P. W.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

4 DECEMBER 1937

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

16-3-25

DR. W. E. B. DUBOIS, CHAIRMAN
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR DR. DUBOIS:

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED A LIST OF CORRECTIONS AND LETTER CONCERNING THE THESIS OF MISS KATHRYN RICHARDSON WHICH I AM RETURNING TO HER TODAY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

IRA DE A. REID
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

IDEAR:EJ
ENCLOSURES

. [Enclosure]

2 DECEMBER 1937

16-3-26

MISS KATHRYN E. RICHARDSON
POST OFFICE BOX 1
ATMORE, ALABAMA

DEAR MISS RICHARDSON:

I AM RETURNING THE TWO COPIES OF THE THESIS WHICH WERE LEFT IN MY OFFICE. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE VERY EXTENSIVE CHANGES THAT SHOULD BE MADE. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL CAREFULLY FOLLOW THESE CORRECTIONS AND THAT YOU WILL RETURN THE MANUSCRIPT AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE--NOTE THAT I SAID "CAREFULLY."

WITH VERY BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

IRA DE A. REID

IDEAR:EJ
ENCLOSURES

15-29-24

December 8, 1937

Memorandum:

I took the liberty to send your name to these people.

JPW

Office of the Registrar
Atlanta University

[Enclosure]

COPY

RAYMOND RICH ASSOCIATES
Eleven West Forty-second Street - New York

15-29-25

December 3, 1937

Mr. John P. Whittaker
Registrar, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 1 with its information regarding Dr. DuBois and Mr. Reid. We are pleased indeed to list these persons with other speakers recommended to us.

In order to obtain more uniform information regarding time of availability, fees, et cetera, we are preparing a questionnaire which will be sent out within several weeks, to the gentlemen you have named. We shall appreciate their kindness in returning it to us.

With appreciation of your interest and your cooperation,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) Margaret R. Taylor

Margaret R. Taylor
Associate

MRT:Z

December 21, 1937

16-3-4

Memo to Mr. Reid:

I should think that perhaps a desk and chair might be bought of a size suited to a small or rather large appropriation.

Mr. Ira De A. Reid
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Possible speaker:

J. E. Spingarn
Henry Hunt

[1937?]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

15-29

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Murphy
is applying for admission to Atlanta University as a graduate student in sociology and for a University scholarship.

The applicant has given us your name as one who can speak in her behalf. Will you kindly give us your estimate of her ability and character by filling out the enclosed personal ratings blank? Any information you may give us that will help us to determine her fitness for graduate study and for scholarship aid will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

John P. Whittaker

JPW:C

John P. Whittaker
Registrar

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University

Comprehensive Examination for the degree of

Master of Arts in Sociology

1937

Society

1. What is the difference between correlation and causation? Show by examples that the computation of an index of correlation is not in itself, no matter how high the established coefficient, any demonstration of a causal nexus.

Social Theory

1. Define and discuss fully:
   a. the nature
   b. the field and
   c. the limitations of sociology

2. Discuss the significant social theories of the following men: Comte, Cooley, Durkheim, Giddings, Gumplowisez, Pareto, Simmel, Sumner, Tarde, Ward.

Population Problems

1. Man's efforts to control population have been both quantitative and qualitative, expansive and restrictive.

   Discuss:

   A. The various programs and methods employed in each of the above categories and

   B. The present trends and emphasis in regulating world populations.

Statistical Method

1. a. Give
      1. The characteristics
      2. the advantages and
      3. the disadvantages of the following averages - the mean, Mode median

   b. Are the following statements true or false? Check the correct answer. Erasures and crossouts invalidate the reply.

      1. All figures are statistics. True ( ) False ( )

      2. In any statistical investigation the more data collected, the better the results obtained. True ( ) False ( )

3. The greater the number of items measured, the less likelihood there is that one poor measurement will destroy the value of the result. True ( ) False ( )

c. What kind of average (mean, mode, median) do you consider significant for the following:

1. In the phrase the "average man"?
2. In determining per capita income?
3. When reporting that business is better than average?
4. For a labor union desiring to show low wages received?
5. In comparing two industries to show respective points at which wage increases tend to close?
6. In computing the average amount spent for self maintenance by university students?

II. Find the mean, mode, median, and standard deviation of the following distribution:

25.07 - 25.08	1
25.09 - 25.10	4
25.11 - 25.12	14
25.13 - 25.14	20
25.15 - 25.16	45
25.17 - 25.18	60
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25.29 - 25.30	21
25.31 - 25.32	20
25.33 - 25.34	4
25.35 - 25.36	6
25.37 - 25.38	2
25.39 - 25.40	2
25.41 - 25.42	2
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Social Investigation

1. a. Define and discuss the following methods of social research:
   1. case
   2. statistical
   3. participant-observer.

b. Give original examples of studies under each method explaining why that particular method is employed.

Social Conflict

1. Describe the chief groups of social conflicts.

2. Show by examples how social conflicts result in social institutions.

Race Problems

1. Compare the race problems of Jews and Negroes.

2. What are the causes of race antagonism?

3. Can race problems be solved by education and the right to vote?

Sociology of the American Negro

1. Why did the South secede?

2. Was the Civil War fought by the North to free the slave?

3. Was it wrong to enfranchise the freedmen in 1867?

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11:40-12:30	Sociology of the American Negro		Sociology of the American Negro		Sociology of the American Negro	
Lunch						
1:45:2:30						
2:45-3:30		Sociology of Conflict		Sociology of Conflict	Sociology of Conflict	
4:10-5:30		Race Problems		Race Problems		
7:00-9:00		Technique of Social Investigation				

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November 18,1937.

Mr. W.E. B.DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

15-29-1

My dear Mr. DuBois:-

Fortunately you wrote about the Oxford Dictionary without buying the set that is being offered. There apparently is some misunderstanding about it as you will note by referringto the advertisement of the Oxford University Press on one of the pages preceding the text matter in the Publishers' Weekly of November 13th,1937. You will note that what is being offered as the Oxford Universal English Dictionary is not in fact the Oxford Dictionary but is the two volume Shorter Oxford English Dictionary bound up in ten volumes.

In connection with the Oxford Dictionary of the English Language, the large work, you will not be able to fill in the odd volumes in the original edition now because some of them are out of print and the sets have been selling at a premium. However, there is a reprint in thirteen volumes at $125.00 list $100.00 net.

We will be glad to furnish a set of the reprint and would ask that you please refer to this quotation when ordering.

Yours very truly,

Glen Parker

GP/MR

x a copy will be found in the college Lib.

glovina virginia perry banks

W. R. Banks

63rd St. Nicholas Avenue
Apartment 3E
New York City, New York
July 8, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-15-16

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I send this note of thanks. Finally we got to New York and Elizabeth. She is doing as well as it is possible for her to do. Each day she goes to the doctor. Mr. Cannon and I feel well.

Of course, I do not know how long I shall be here but despite the heat I am enjoying the city.

Summer school is almost over and then you will rest.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,
Glovina Virginia Perry Banks.
(Mrs. W. R.)

16-15-17

Dear Virginia Perry:

When you've nothing to say
don't write!

Yours

July 13, 1937

February 10, 1937

16-5-76

My dear Alexina,

I was glad to hear from you although at the time which you wrote I was on the Pacific Ocean approaching Hawaii. As perhaps you know, I have been around the world: England, Germany, France, Austria, Russia, Manchuria, China, Japan, and Hawaii; a seven months leave of absence in all and a very splendid trip.

I am glad to hear from you and at this late date to return your kind greetings.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Alexina C. Barrell
229 Harvard Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

July 19, 1937

16-12-9

My dear Mrs. Battle:

I am planning to drive through Asheville sometime early in the week of July 25. I should like accomodations for myself for one night, that is supper, lodging, and breakfast. I shall be glad to know if you could accomodate me and at what price. I would let you know by telegram the exact day and hour of my arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. R. S. Battle
72 Madison Avenue
Asheville, North Carolina

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

72 Madison Ave.
Asheville, N.C.
July 21, 1937.

Dr Du Bois.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter about accommodating you for a night with two meals I wish to say that my price is $1.50. Shall expect a telegram from you.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs R. S. Battle.

16-14-15

15-31-23

June 5, 1937

My dear Mr. Beals:

I know of your great interest in Mexico and I have long regarded that country as the most promising for the future of Latin-American lands. I have wanted to visit Mexico and I hope I shall soon, but there have been several occurrences that deter me. One took place last year. Last summer three members of the staff of Atlanta University went to Mexico separately. One was a white man. He simply paid $1.00 tourist tax and went in without further difficulty. The second was a brown man of Negro descent, an artist. He was compelled to post in New Orleans cash bond of $250.00 and even then when he got to the border was held up for a considerable time and refused admission. He declined to leave the train and after some delay he was allowed to enter on payment of $1.00. When he returned he received back his $250. deposited. The third was a yellow man of Negro descent, a doctor of philosophy from Harvard. He applied in Washington at the Mexican Consulate and was put off indefinitely. He applied to the United States State Department and was told, at first, that nothing could be done. He had, however, friends in the State Department and they finally wrote to the Mexican Consulate. After some delay, and when he was already in California, he received tourist permission to enter which was endorsed "Permission granted in spite of the fact that person is of Negro descent".

I recognize, of course, the perfect right of the Mexican government to refuse the permanent right to live in Mexico to any person that they choose, and especially to poor workers, since Mexico has an abundance of labor; but it seems to me an extraordinary bit of tyranny for the liberals of Mexico to refuse me and other American Negroes the right of temporary visit to Mexico and to discriminate purely on racial lines.

I have written concerning this to Mr. Frank Tannebaum and he promised to take the matter up with the President. I am, therefore writing you. Cannot something be done about it? It is rather

extraordinary that the Negroes of the United States, even men of education and ideas are by the subtle cooperation of forces in this country and in South America almost estopped from visiting Mexico, Brazil, and other such lands. I shall appreciate anything you can do about this.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Carleton Beals
105 East 15th Street
New York City

Copy sent to Mr. Logan

16-15-18

Brockett's Point,
Branford, Conn.,
July 7, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

It was very pleasant to hear from you, even if the contents of your letter weren't so pleasant.

Last week end I invited the Consul General of Mexico, Dr. Rafael de la Colina, out to the house and took the liberty of showing him your letter.

He was well informed asto who you are and was well acquainted with your work. He deprecated the present legislation and assured me that for some time the immigration and tourist code has been studied and worked over, and that in the fairly near future a new one will be put into effect. All the discriminations against negroes per se will be eliminated. I told him it would do my heart good to write an article on the stupidities of the Mexican immigration laws in relation to their claims of being a liberal and progressive government, but that I was glad I didn't have to.

I merely hope that the information he gave me is correct, and I assume that it is, for he has always been a most reliable and straightforward person.

If sometime you do decide to take a trip to Mexico, I hope you will let me know so that I can give you a few letters of introduction.

Sincerely yours,

Julian Boal

July 19, 1937

My dear Mr. Beals:

16-15-19

With reference to your letter of July 7, I have received the enclosed copy of a letter from Rayford W. Logan who is a Harvard Ph. D., and has considerable knowledge of Spanish America, and was in Mexico last summer. He is one of the men who had difficulty in getting in.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Carleton Beals
~~Brockett's Point~~
Branford, Connecticut

Copy to Mr. Logan

Short Beach, Conn.,
November 26, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

16-15-20

Pardon my long delay in answering your last letter.

I understand that new regulations are to be issued by the Mexican immigration department this month or next.

I am hoping this will mean that the minor departmental regulations which discriminated against negroes are also abolished, as I have been led to understand.

Sincerely yours,

Charlton Beale

December 1, 1937

16-15-21

My dear Mr. Beals:

I thank you very much for your efforts and hope that the new Mexican regulations will be satisfactory on the color line.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Carleton Beals
Short Beach
Connecticut

16-5-77

June 28, 1937

My dear Dr. Beekman:

I have decided to go to the Maine camp August fifteenth to August twenty-eighth, two weeks. I want to sleep in a tent or somewhere where the card players will not interfere with my rest even if I go to bed at nine p. m. Can this be arranged, and will you kindly fix this date with the authorities in Boston?

I understand that Yolande is going to have some seances with you during the first two weeks of July. Fix her up properly and send the bill to me.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Walter N. Beekman
746 Fulton Street
Brooklyn, New York

WALTER N. BEEKMAN, D. D. S.
746 FULTON STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Telephone NEvins 8-1433

June 30/37

B-5-28

My dear Doctor.

Received your letter today and immediately wrote Mr Munroe. As soon as word reaches me, will write you. Zeta had a glorious outing at Baxter's model Farm in Bernardsville N. J. last Sunday: ask Boutte about it when you meet him in Atlanta.

Best regards.

W. N. B.

February 5, 1937

16-13-35

My dear Madam:

It is impossible for me to give any valuable advice not knowing you, nor the college, nor the general circumstances. In general if one is getting on fairly well and getting something of an education at an institution it is better not to change before finishing one's course. If they do not feel they are accomplishing work then a change is very necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Julia Blanchard
Linfield College
McMinnville, Oregon

Helen Boardman

Hotel Breslin,
29 St. & Broadway,
New York.
June 19, 1937

16-15-7

My dear Dr. DuBois,

I am working on a little book for high school students to be called "Certain Americans, and their Influence upon the History of their Country", intended to be a supplement to history text books. I find myself differing with the text-book writers even more than I expected to; but as they are trained historians and I am not I am rather unsure of myself. I wonder if you would give me some advice on a couple of points.

Am I right in saying that chattel slavery began in the West Indies in 1501 and spread from there to the American colonies through slave traders and West Indian planters removing to the Carolinas and Louisiana? Is there any reason to believe that the single recorded transaction of 1619 was necessarily the first one? Was not the influence of the West Indies very great? As slavery in Spain was mild and ap-

parently unaccompanied by race prejudice, what accounts for the change when it was carried to the West Indies? Do you think these things should be included in a U.S. History text book?

I have been wanting to thank you for very kind mention of my work, in Black Reconstruction. It means a very great deal to me. That is almost the most valuable book I know of — I use it constantly. Martha is using it this very minute, in connection with a review of "The Road to Reunion" — which she is panning!

I hope you are having a pleasant summer, and that we shall see you in New York before it is over.

Faithfully yours,
Helen Boardman

July 1, 1937

16-15-9

My dear Miss Boardman:

The best recent account of the beginnings of the slave trade you will find in "Problems of Imperial Trusteeship"* by H. A. Wyndham. It was published by the Oxford Press in 1935. A slave trade in Negroes and other Africans toward Europe began in the middle ages. Spain and Portugal diverted that to their own lands in the fifteenth century. Then it spread to the West Indies and South America in the sixteenth century. Then it began to be a matter of commercial importance based on tobacco, sugar, and cotton and through the Dutch and English slave traders it spread all over the Americas and into the English colonies of North America. The West Indies was its physical base in America and most American slaves in the early days came through the West Indies. In the latter part of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries many of them came direct. The treatment of slaves by the Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese, and English varied in infinite ways and it is difficult to characterize it by one phrase or one set of phrases. Wyndham has a good statement. There was more amalgamation of blood in the case of the Spanish and Portuguese than in the case of the English and Dutch, yet there was a great deal in all cases.

I am glad you like "Black Reconstruction". I shall be in New York early in August and about three weeks in September. I shall hope to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Helen Boardman
Hotel Breslin
29th Street and Broadway
New York City

*"The Atlantic and Slavery"

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HOTEL WOLCOTT
FIFTH AVENUE AND THIRTY FIRST STREET
NEW YORK

July 4, 1937

16-15-10

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Thank you very much for your help. I don't know the Wyndham book but will look it up at once.

Martha tells me you are doing a novel about poor white Atlanta. It sounds great — and greatly needed!

I hope to see you while you are in New York.

Sincerely yours,
Helen Boardman

Hotel Wolcott,
4 W. 31 St.
Aug. 1, 1937.

16-15-11

Dear Dr. DuBois,

I suppose you are on vacation and in need of rest; but I do hope very much that I can have a talk with you while you are in town. I want to ask your advice on what I am writing and also about a controversy in which I have become involved. If you don't mind coming down town, this would be a pretty good place to talk. Or I can come up-town if you prefer — any time, at your convenience.

Martha is in Northampton, the lucky dog. Having a good time, I suppose — she doesn't write.

Sincerely yours,
Helen Boardman

October 1, 1937

16-15-12

My dear Miss Boardman:

I am very sorry indeed that I did not get to see you while I was in New York. I passed through on the way north and intended to call you when I got back. I came back in September and in the hurry of numerous engagements simply forgot to get in touch with you. I am sorry indeed. If there is anything I could do by mail please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Helen Boardman
Hotel Wolcott
4 West 31 Street
New York City

Request for information

16-13-65

Box 112

Louise, Miss.

December 31, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly send me the address of Mr. Harace Holley Secretary of the Baha'is Movement of the Unite States.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration. I am,

Yours truly,

G. H. Boone

Request for info. - 1937

Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama
December 9, 1937

Dr. W. E. DuBois
Atlanta University
A tlanta, Georgia

16-13-62

My dear Dr. DuBois:

It is my desire to make a critical study of the Social and Economic History of the Negro in Alabama since 1910. In the light of this endeavor, I am making an attempt to study all the available source materials.

In view of the fact that your research department has made definite contributions in the field of Negro Life and History, I am wondering if you would be so kind as to suggest any of your publications which may throw light on the above mentioned problem.

Thanking you for any consideration in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

William M. Boyd

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encl.

December 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Boyd:

There has been some fiction and social studies of Alabama which I am sure you know even better than I. I do not re-call any careful social studies although I should think that some of the studies that have to do with the industrial and mining region around Birmingham might touch the Negro; reports on relief, the WPA and housing. You might look up too the reports on the TVA and correspond with Mr. Max J. Bond, Supervisor of Negro Training, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee. He has made some studies. I am sorry not to be able to give you any more specific references.

16-13-63

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William M. Boyd
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

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16-5-13

February 10, 1937

My dear Sir:

You will possibly remember that I called upon you in October and spoke to you concerning the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am enclosing some literature concerning it. You kindly promised at that time to give me the names of persons interested in Africa and experts on the Negro races and problems. I should be very glad if you could furnish me with a list of some of the other persons in Paris in order that I might write them. I should be glad if you would let me use your name as one willing to cooperate with the project. I think you will find that it is known to Professor Labouret with whom I have been in correspondence but unfortunately was unable to see when I was in Paris.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

M. Paul Boyer, Director
Ecole des Langues Orientales Vivantes
Paris
France

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[1932]

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is the editorial that I wanted you to be sure to see.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Brawley.

Dec. 16.

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Progress of Developments at Howard University

IN view of the vendetta organized and carried on relentlessly against Howard University by a handful of the alumni it may serve a useful purpose to present some facts concerning what is really going on at the University. The recalcitrant alumni group is so vociferous and the University administration is so busy "sawing wood" that the very satisfactory, and in many respects extraordinary, developments in physical plant and educational program may be obscured by the smoke screen raised by a dozen disgruntled people who have axes to grind.

Those who are carrying on the private warfare pretend to believe that it is in the interest of the University. They are exerting desperate efforts to make the public believe this. In reality the vendetta is against the University. Ostensibly its purpose is to remove President Johnson. Actually its effects thus far have been to strengthen his position; to tremendously increase respect for him, and confidence in his administration and in his own devotion to the best interests of the University.

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IMMEDIATELY behind the vendetta is the executive committee of are scattered throughout every State in the Union.

Eleven years ago Mordecai W. Johnson became president of the University. He succeeded a long line of presidents who were of the white race. Such physical plant as the University has was obsolete, run down, inadequate. The University was static. His first step was to work out and put into acceptable shape a 20-year plan of physical expansion, under which the University would gradually acquire a plant adequate in every way for the full educational program of a University in the broad sense.

He found the University campus restricted to a small area. There was no land for expansion. President Johnson went to the General Education Board and the Julius Rosenwald Fund and procured a grant of $884,857 for "extension purposes." Accumulated principal and gifts from other sources raised this amount to $970,776. With these funds the University began its 20-year program of expansion.

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SINCE President Johnson assumed office and during the six years that the 20-year building plan has been functioning the record shows the following substantial developments:

Extension Funds	$ 970,776.52
Douglass Recitation Hall	460,000.00
New Heat, Light and Power Plant	555,576.99
Chemistry Building	626,300.00
Three Dormitories for Women	770,000.00
Library Building	1,105,000.00
Funds Approved for Men's Dormitories	525,000.00
Total	$5,012,853.51

Including the above improvements made under President Johnson's administration, covering 11 years of the Howard's 70 years of life, the University now has a plant and other assets in excess of $8,000,000, and a student enrollment of 2,108 in nine separate schools. Along with the program of physical expansion there has been a corresponding elevation of academic standards. To quote the President's last annual report: There has been "a measurable progress in the matter of the number and quality of students, the number and quality of the work of the faculties, in financial receipts and management, and especially in favorable factors related to the developing graduate school."

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HOWARD University is unquestionably the largest center of

all of these avenues," and added: "Nevertheless, he has done it with credit to himself and with joy to his friends and admirers."

That is the key to the matter. He rendered a number of services, and that he did it so well is the best tribute to his devoted and intelligent interests and abilities. He is one of the patriarchs of the church, and we wish him many more years of beneficial activity. A word of tribute to his energetic and loyal wife is also in order, for she has been a true companion and associate in his varied work.

Solution of the Park Problem

MAYOR Taylor's proposal that the Memorial Park Golf Course be abandoned as such and converted into a general recreational park would be a logical solution of the park problem as it affects Norfolk's 40,000 colored citizens.

This large element of the population — approximately one-third of the whole—is so situated residentially that the 20-odd other parks are inaccessible to them. Taking our city's whole recreational layout and dividing it along the lines which dictate our public school arrangement and we have a total outlay of $1,242,954.23, of which $31,000, or three per cent, is dedicated to the recreation of the 40,000 colored citizens.

Of that amount $11,000 is invested in the bathing beach, a purely seasonal facility, and $19,000 in Barraud Park real estate. There is really no park equipment on the Barraud Park site, and, situated as it is, there is little likelihood that the city will be able for years to come to develop it.

Transfer of Memorial Park would entail no capital outlay. It is ideally situated, right in the path of colored residential development of the better sort. Easily accessible, and could be maintained for a modest overhead expense.

The suggestion that the matter of its transfer be deferred for a year is unfortunate. If it has been a money losing proposition as a Golf Course for the past several years, why give it another year of grace? Other available Golf Courses will amply take care of the current de-

the alumni association. This organization, as managed and conducted during the past several years, has been able to enroll a financial membership of 253 out of a total body of 10,000 graduates, according to an authoritative alumni source of information. Just how many of the 253 reported members are behind the executive committee is not known. At the association's annual meeting last June there were 29 delegates reported present: seven from New York, six from New Jersey, one from North Carolina and fifteen from the District of Columbia. It will be seen, therefore, that the general alumni of Howard University is not concerned with the alleged grievances of the mere handful of men composing the executive committee.

The public should know what is behind the cry-baby campaign of this obdurate group of New York, New Jersey and Washington men. What is actually behind it was revealed, to the astonishment of everybody, at the last annual meeting of the board of trustees, when the executive committee of the alumni association formally requested the board to vote it —or what it purported to represent —the authority to name the membership of the entire board, filling vacancies as present terms expire.

In brief, the executive committee of the alumni association asked the board of trustees to turn over to the association absolute control of the University. The alumni is now directly represented on the board by three "alumni trustees." These are nominated by the alumni and elected by the board. But that is not enough, apparently, for the executive committee of the alumni association. It wants to take over the University entirely and unconditionally.

That explains the private warfare by the executive committee of the alumni association.

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HOWARD University was established 70 years ago. Despite limited physical plant and financial resources it has turned out 10,000 graduates. Six hundred of these are leaders in religion; 1777 have become physicians and surgeons; 828 are dentists; 1195 are lawyers; 518 are pharmacists; 136 are engineers and architects and 148 are following commerce and finance. The majority of the remainder are teachers. They learning for the American Negro, because (1) of its rapidly expanding facilities, (2) its attainment of full university status, and (3) its command of the services of the largest body of mature Negro scholars. Its nine separate schools and numerous departments are headed by men and women whose preparation has been so extensive and whose qualifications are so obvious that they easily rank with the best in their fields. To name only a few, it would be difficult to assemble an aggregation of scholars better prepared than Davis, Downing, Mays, Taylor, Dixon, Wesley, Brawley, Fitch, Frazier, Harris, Adams, Just, Locke, Parker, Sumner, Thompson, Washington, Wesley, Woodard, Bunche, Dorsey, Blatt, Knox, Wilkerson, Chase, Barnes and Shereshefsky. Their research publications for the last academic year alone compose a valuable body of scientific literature.

Howard University is rapidly taking its place in the forefront of American universities. In having to be plagued by an alumni vendetta it is not unlike other progressive, forward moving American universities. And President Johnson is not the only university head, nor the first head of Howard University who has withstood the political machinations of a selfish and self-seeking alumni minority.

An Honorable Career

THE Rev. W. T. Johnson is celebrating the 36th anniversary of his pastorate of the First African Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, and it is a pleasure for his legion of friends and admirers to pause to pay tribute to his many services.

He has been a minister of the gospel and found time to be a teacher and college professor, editor of secular and religious publications, executive and member of civic and welfare bodies, and a trustee of educational institutions.

In the religious field he has pastored an influential and historic church with distinction, served as an officer of denominational and interdenominational organizations for periods as long as 37 consecutive years. His anniversary committee in a tribute-summary of his activities declared: "We have wondered how it was humanly possible for Dr. Johnson to function so acceptably in

the people who are without any park a break than to continue to provide the golf players with more golf links than they need at a financial loss to the City.

Two Howard Alumni Charges

From The Washington Post

Without attempting to pass upon details of the charges brought against President Mordecai W. Johnson by the Howard University Alumni Association's executive committee, it is possible to dispose of two points in the resolution on general principles.

The resolution is reported to urge that Dr. Johnson has been "antagonistic" to the alumni. This is an empty argument. The president of an educational institution owes no deference to the alumni. His job is to administer the affairs of the active membership and for this he is responsible only to the trustees. Whether he is cold or cordial to alumni suggestions is a matter for his sole discretion; on his decisions, not their sentiments, hangs the success of the institution.

The wisdom of thus shielding a university from dictation by alumni sentiment is made clear in the second criticism. The resolution remarks that Dr. Johnson is not a Howard graduate, implying that the university's president should be. That idea is, of course, absurd. Administrative ability in education is not indicated by the pennant a man waves at a football game, as Cornell, Chicago, nearby George Washington and a host of other universities throughout the land will testify.

Unless careful investigation shows that there is more substance to other points raised in the Howard alumni's demand for Dr. Johnson's resignation, the trustees will be justified in dismissing the resolution.

STUDENT OFFICERS ELECTED

RALEIGH, N. C. — Lord Cecil Rhodes of South Norfolk, Virginia, was elected as representative of the freshman class in the student government orgainzations at St. Augustine's Colleges.

Other officers elected to the self-governing body were: Benjamin A. Collier of Rahway, N. J., president; Jocile Powell of Whitakers, vice president; Mildred Luton of Powellsville, secretary; senior class representatives, Maude Foster of Zebulon and Bobbie Dunn of Raleigh; junior representatives, Mildred Moore of Burgaw and Walter Moore of Winthrop, Mass.; sophomore representatives, Juanita Price of Laurinburg and Otis Hairston of Greensboro, and freshman class representatives Lord Cecil Rhodes of Norfolk and Bernice Saunders of Raleigh.

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avid Hoggard, Miss Sarah Morris, Addison King, Francis Davis d Thomas Young. The Norfolk Teachers Association is sponsor- the play at the B. T. Washington High School auditorium Fri- y evening, Nov. 19, for the benefit of its scholarship fund.

e city last weekend and assisted aternity, the Omegas, in spon- its Harvest Ball.

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AND MRS. GARNET DE- CH of Suffolk were in the city Friday night for the Omegas' st Ball.

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ALGERNON HARRISON of lin, Va., spent last weekend in ity visiting his family and at- d the Omegas' Harvest Ball.

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SSES MARGUERITE AND E SELDEN of Bolton St., spent eekend at Virginia State College witnessed the annual State- game.

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T. BELDEN, advertising man- f the Journal and Guide, visited ife, Mrs. Mary Belden, in Wil- on, N. C., the weekend of Oct.

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S LILLA SELDEN of Bolton St., nt at Hampton Institute, was last weekend.

Tennessee Presbytery of the church in connection with the church's choice of pastor.

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MMES. NELLA RAINEY and Viola Thornton accompanied Mrs. Joe Reynolds as far as Maryland on her trip to New York City. Mmes. Rainey and Thornton spent the weekend in Cheriton, Md., as the guests of Mr and Mrs. Clifton Webb.

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MISS ROSALYN PALMER of Dunbar St., spent last weekend in Richmond as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Scott Smith.

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RICHARD FITZGERALD of Middle St., who has been visiting in Newark, N. J., New York City and Philadelphia is back home.

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MR. AND MRS. E. L. PERKINS attended the State-Union game in Petersburg and were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Darden.

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WILLIE BROON of New York City is the house guest of his brother and

Bullock-Blackwell Wedding

Brilliant Autumn Event

The home of Mrs. Peter Ruffin of Lawrenceville, Va., was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday, Oct. 30, when Miss Lois Wren Blackwell of Lynchburg, Va., daughter of Mrs. Paul Blackwell and the late Rev. Mr. Blackwell, became the bride of Homer S. Bullock of Norfolk, the son of the late Homer and Birdie Bullock of Oxford, N. C. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 p. m. by the Rev. St. Paul White of Richmond. The Rev. C. O. Smith of Baltimore and the Rev. Vincent Mayo of Oxford, N. C., assisted.

Flowers and potted plants decorated the home. An altar of flowers and cathedral candles formed the background for the bridal pair. The wedding music was played by Richard Collins. Miss Mary Carrington sang, "I Love You" and "God Made Thee Mine," prior to the ceremony.

The bride wore ivory satin embroidered with pearls, a handmade veil of lace with a coronet of point de vernice. The gown had been worn by the groom's great grandmother. She carried a prayer book with a shower of lillies of the valley suspended. Her only ornament was a heart shaped pendant of seed pearls on a gold chain which is an heirloom of the groom's family.

Miss Mary Blackwell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore hunter green velvet with shirred waist and bouffant shirt. A Juliet cap and veil of brown tulle crowned her head while a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums completed the picture. Mrs. George Morris of New York City was matron of honor. Her gown was of green satin made Redingote style trimmed in Belgian lace panels with Elizabethan collar of the same lace Her bouquet was the same.

Miss Sarah White of Richmond, Miss Fannie Bullock of Oxford, N. C., and Miss Cleo Brown of Philadelphia were bridesmaids and fore Burgundy velvet made similar to the maid of honor's with bouquets the same. The groom had as his best man Buck Morris of New York City, his cousin. The ushers were Norman Parker of Baltimore, Clarence Herkins of Youngstown, O.; John Blackwell, Jr., of Chicago, and David Strong of Lawrenceville.

A reception was held after the ceremony.

Norfolkians Go Afar For Football

The annual football clash between Virginia State College and Virginia Union University has an overpowering interest to Norfolkians as so many of the citizens are graduates and former students of the two colleges. The annual meeting last Saturday drew away from the city a host following the fortunes of their respective teams.

Listed as attending are: Miss Audrey Moseley, E. H. Moseley, Melvyn Alston, Joe Dail, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hughes, Ben Jones Sr., and Jr., Mrs. H. C. Young, Charles Young, Miss Maria Williamson, Mrs. W. H. Selden, Miss Elizabeth Collins, Dr. A. E. Fentress, H. T. Dickey, W. E. Robinson, Dennis Ashburne, Misses Marguerite and Sallie Selden, Ethel Jones Dovie Collins, Messrs. Isaac Faulkner, Wayland Poole, and James Johnson.

Also Addison King, L. E. Graves, Jr., G. W. Brown, Cliff Mackay, E. B. Rea, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Young, Jr., Southall Bass, T W. Young, J. T. Belden, B. F. King, Dr. E. D. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Knox, "Red" Foster, Dr. J. D. Jackson, George Uzzle, Miss Bertha Whitehurst, Herman Douthit, Miss Alice Jackson, Winston Douglas, and Lee Batts.

Also seen were Misses Florine Melvin, Emma and Ruth Olds, Willie Millner, Rosalyn Palmer, Mmes Daisy K. Brown and Beatrice Sumner, Messrs. W. C. Fulford and G. W. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cook, and G. H. Coleman.

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SS DOVIE COLLINS of Landing
pent last weekend as the guest
ss Serelda James of the Virginia
faculty and attended the
-Union game.

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S. LEROY BRUMLEY of New
City is the house guest of Mr.
Mrs. Howard Brumley of 973
t St.

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RS. LOUIS TYLER of 235 Olney
who is teaching in Northampton
nty, Va., was home last weekend.

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IRS. BANA SELDEN of Peters-
g, Va., was in the city last week-
on account of the illness of her
her, Samuel Selden of 813 Cumber-
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MRS. NETTIE WEST has returned to her home on Lexington St., after having been in Waynesboro and Roanoke, Va., visiting her aunt, Mrs Susie Harris, and others.

Hospital Notes

By THELMA M. MACKAY, R. N.

Marked by a spirited kickoff meeting Sunday evening in the clinic, the annual membership drive of the Norfolk Community Hospital with a goal of 2,000 got underway to a flying start this week. Speakers at the B. W. Harris, campaign chairman; Dr. B. W. Harris, campaign chairfan; Dr. J. Q. A. Webb, surgeon-in-chief; S. H. Bell, vice president of the hospital association; W. T. Mason, secretary; Miss Buena V. Kelley, president of the woman's auxiliary; Dr. S F. Coppage and Mrs. Alleah B. King, members of the executive board. Ice cream and cake was served. An increased patient load at the hospital means increased expenses. Send in your membership and help a worthy cause.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of the Letter Carriers Association will hold a presentation ceremony at the Norfolk Community Hospital on Sunday. Nov. 14, it was announced this week by the superintendent, Miss Thelma M. Gibson, R.N.

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Two donations were made to the hospital during the week. Several tubs and boxes of flowers were given by members of the Titustown Community Garden Club to brighten the wards. The presentation was made by Mrs. Hosea Hawkins, president of the club, who was assisted by Mrs. Eva Stinson and Mrs. Christine Thomas. Five pounds of cocoa, an important nutrition item for hospitals, was the gift of Miss J. Jennings of 740 Bass St

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Fourteen patients were admitted to the Norfolk Community Hospital this week, the highest number in a single week, for several months. Included were Mrs. Hattie Lewis, 739 Ave. B; Miss Helen Williams, Courtland, Va.; James and Warren Jordan, 1246 Hanson Ave.; Wilson Brown, Portsmouth, Va.; Herbert Carter, 1213 West 44th St.; James Finch 2621 Ludlow St.; Mrs. Rosa Headsteth, 718 Appomattox St.; Mrs. L. E. Ricks, 1655 Church St.; Miss Susie T. Johnson, Portsmouth; Mrs. Geneva Wiggins, 656 Denby St.; Mrs. Aquilia Sivels, 1306 Princess Anne Rd.; Mrs. Nannie Rogers, Franklin, Va.; and Mrs. Victor Manuel, the wife of the Rev. Victor Manuel of Ruffin St., who last Sunday became the mother of a ten-pound son.

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Seven persons were permitted to return home after receiving treatment at the hospital. They were James Dole, 2415 Hale St.; Gid Alston 424 Nicholson St.; Miss Annie Rice, 965 St. Julian Ave.; James Warren Jordan, James Finch, Mrs. Laura Lee Ricks and Mrs. Maggie Fuller.

Personals

Among those attending the Virginia State-Union game in Petersburg last Saturday were Mrs. H. C. Young, Mrs. William H. Selden, Miss Maria Williamson, Mr. W. H. Selden and Master Charles A. Young,

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December 18, 1937

My dear Mr. Brawley:

I am very glad indeed to have the editorial which you sent me. It is a fine statement.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Benjamin Brawley
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Richmond, Va.,
830 State St.,
Mar. 8-37.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-6-08

Dear Sir—

On page ten (10) you can find a plan organized by me. I will be very grateful if you write me your conception of the idea.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely Yours.

Wm. A. Braxton.

March 15, 1937

16-6-09

My dear Sir:

The proposal that you have in mind would be very expensive and call for long intensive work guided by a great deal of sacrifice and intelligence. The Jews in most countries have organized work of this sort but I do not know of any other group that has been able to carry it through.

Very sincerely yours,

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c/o Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
Atlanta University,
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GEORGIA. U. S. A.

Dear. Dr. Du Bois,

I wish to offer you my entire sympathy in your proposed work in connection with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. As far as my time permits I shall be glad to collaborate.

In this connection I should like to submit to you the following suggestion. I am in close touch with the Bantu leaders in South Africa, some of whom are men of high educational standing. While I should be both pleased and honoured to make any personal contribution, to the Encyclopaedia, I should feel that my most useful function might be to obtain articles from Bantu writers qualified to produce them and pass them on to you. Please be assured that I shall be glad to help in either of these directions.

Very sincerely yours,

Edgar S. Brookes

Adams College

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Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Edgar H. Brookes

Sent to: Van Wyck Brooks
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"We, the undersigned American writers, feel that the policy of neutrality adopted by the government of the United States toward the opposing forces in Spain makes it the more necessary that the moral judgements of private citizens be freely and fearlessly expressed.

"We cannot keep silent when war becomes a slaughter of the unarmed, the innocent and the helpless.

"Specifically, we condemn the murder of women, children and other unarmed non-combatants by the military faction which with its foreign allies is making war on the legally and democratically elected republican government of Spain. We condemn the deliberate bombing of hospitals, playgrounds, orphan asylums, relief stations and bread-lines, and the cowardly and cruel bombardment of Madrid.

"We believe that if these murders go unrebuked no city in the world is safe.

"We appeal to members of our own craft, to writers, artists, clergymen and teachers, to lay aside political, racial and religious differences, and to take a stand in harmony with American traditions."

Will you sign this statement for the press, and return it to us in the enclosed stamped envelope?

Maxwell Anderson
Van Wyck Brooks
R. L. Duffus
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Daniel Gregory Mason
Edgar Lee Masters
William McFee
Lewis Mumford
Charles O'Neill
Webb Waldron
Stanley Young

February 16, 1937

Talcott Hall
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

2/22/37

Request for information - 1937

Mr. William E. B. Du Bois
Paul Laurence Dunbar Apts
7th Ave.,
New York City

My Dear Mr. Du Bois,

I am writing a thesis for the Political Science Dept. here on the Significance of the change in the Negro vote in 1936. My professor here thinks the change is indicative of reform for both the major political parties. Do you think the Negro is sincerely interested in the Democratic cause - or do you think the Negro has learned race solidarity and will change his political affiliation to better the group as a whole. Do you think the Southern Negro can afford to vote for the party that has been traditionally anti-Negro? Do you think there is possibility of disfranchisement -

I shall be obliged for any & all you will say on the matter. I want this paper to be Notable, you might remember my parents, Dr. & Mrs J. E. Brown of Keystone, W. Va. You met them when you were guests Pres. Simms of Bluefield -

Anna Vivian Brown

15-31-10

Department of Sociology

February 23, 1937

My dear Miss Brown:

Answering your letter without date, I beg to say that the Negro is interested in the Democratic Party only so far as the Democratic Party is interested in him. During the New Deal he has received much consideration at the hands of the Democrats, and in turn voted for them largely in the elections. The attitude of the democratic South still inhibits him from wholesale espousal of the Democratic Party. More than that there is no real division between Democrats and Republicans so far as national objects are concerned. The rotten borough system in the South prevents any real third party movement. The result is that in local affairs, particularly, the Negro goes with the party which distributes the largest amount of employment, appointments, and other consideration. In New York the Democrats are overwhelmingly democratic for this reason and in Chicago overwhelmingly Republican. You know, I presume, such studies as Negroes in Politics a recent book by Harold F. Gosnell published by the University of Chicago Press in 1935.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Anna Vivan Brown
Talcott Hall
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

15-31-11

Henrietta Bryan
6 Fairweather St.,
Roxbury, Mass.
Jan. 13, 1939.

1/13/39 Henrietta Bryan

16-1-26

Dear Wilf,

Was very glad to get your letter & hear from you. How are you & the family? Hope they are all well. I bet what you sent was a help and it was not too late.

You see they were going to operate on mama but decided against it because she was so old. They said they couldn't [illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

16-1-87

February 4, 1937

My dear Henrietta,

I should be glad to have the record of births from the old family Bible and any other family records. But where on earth has the Bible gone? Can you trace it? How is your Mother at present?

My regards to Helen and all the relatives.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Henrietta Bryan
6 Fairweather Street
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Kenneth Boyer

April 19, 1937.

Dear Will,

I received your letter some-
time ago but I was in a con-
valescents home. I would not write
until I reached home.

You see Mama did ~~not~~ have
insurance but that had been
spent. We were always also going
to put it back but never did
and at a time like that every
one is upset and dont know
just what to do.

I was not home and so
my niece that was Mrs. Grimes,
She is Helen's daughter sent and
asked you if you would help
us and I guess the reason they

10-1-88

The bill is one hundred and seventy three dollars. ($173.00).

I found the rest of the family records.

If you would like a copy of them, I would gladly send it.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Henrietta Bean.
6 Fairweather St.,
Suite (3). Boston, Mass.

had the undertaker send to you was because that way you would know that they did not want it for themselves but just for mama's bill.

I came home a few days ago and I can't go to work just yet. I am not strong enough so I cannot pay anything on the bill. There is just myself and my boy.

I did not want to ask you. I don't like to ask anyone for anything.

If you could help a little. The undertaker is alright.

J. B. Johnson.
608 Shawmut Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

He is very reasonable.

16-12-43

Request for explanation - 1937

April 12, 1937

My dear Sir:

I no longer have any connection with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Your previous letter probably went there and has not been forwarded to me. I am forwarding this letter to them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Leroy Buffett
Old Say Brook, Connecticut

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Request for information

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
New York City

Dear Sir:

In connection with some research on the subject of "The Negro", I should like to have one or two recent numbers of "The Crisis". Will you kindly tell me where I can obtain them. If you can send them to me I shall appreciate it and will reimburse you.

Thanking you for your attention to the matter, I am

Sincerely yours,
Robt S. Bird

16-12-19

709 Bar Building
Reading, Pa.

Sept. 26, 1927.

November 9, 1937

16-12-20

My dear Sir:

You can secure recent numbers of the Crisis by writing to the editor at 69 Fifth Avenue New York City. I am no longer editor of that magazine.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert S. Burch
709 Baer Building
Reading, Pennsylvania

Burdett Realty Company

Sales-Rents-Loans-Insurance

Atlanta, Georgia

February 3, 1937

By Western Union Messenger

Mr. Otis E. Pruitt
c/o Anthony Buick Company
230 Spring Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pruitt: Re: Wm. E.B. DeBois, Assured
Travelers Policy #MC-976775

We enclose herewith the above-captioned policy, as per our telephone conversation of yesterday.

Thanking you for giving us the opportunity to write this insurance, we remain

Very truly yours,

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY

By Lawton C Burdett
Insurance Department

Enclosure

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THE TRAVELERS

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY
THE TRAVELERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

DECLARATIONS

Automobile Policy Number MC 976775

The insurance afforded is only with respect to such and so many of the following coverages as are indicated by specific premium charge or charges. The limit of the company's liability against each such coverage shall be as stated herein, subject to all of the terms of this policy having reference thereto.

Item 1. Name of insured: William E.B. DuBois

Address (No. street, town, county, state): c/o Atlanta University, Atlanta Georgia

The automobile will be principally garaged and used in the above town, county and state, unless otherwise specified herein.

The occupation of the named insured is Instructor-Atlanta University

Item 2. Policy Period: From Feb. 2, 1937 to Feb. 2, 1938 12:01 A.M., standard time at the address of the named insured as stated herein.

Item 3. Description of the automobile and facts respecting its purchase by the named insured: 1937 Buick 4 Door Century Sedan, (model 37-67) M#63240389, S#3076806

Date Purchased Feb. 1937 | New or Used New | List Price $ 1035 | Actual Cost $ 1402.60 | Fully Covered for Yes

Item 4. Coverages		Limits of Liability		Premiums
The Travelers Indemnity Company	A. Bodily Injury Liability	$10,000. each person and subject to that limit for each person $20,000. each accident		$ 48.30
	B. Property Damage Liability	$ Not Covered accident		$ None
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company	C. Loss of or Damage to the Automobile Subject to the provisions of Division —# 3 (Division Applicable)		Actual Cash Value	$ 22.55
	Div. 1. Collision or Upset Loss —Amount Deductible $			
	Div. 2. Convertible Collision or Upset Loss —Additional Sum $			
	Div. 3. Excluding Collision or Upset Loss			
			Total Premium	$ 70.85

The word "None" in any premium space shall mean that insurance is not afforded with respect to the coverage opposite thereto.

Item 5. The purposes for which the automobile is to be used are Pleasure and Business

(a) *The term "pleasure and business" is defined as personal, pleasure, family and business use.*
(b) *The term "commercial" is defined as the transportation or delivery of goods, merchandise or other materials, and uses incidental thereto, in direct connection with the named insured's business occupation as expressed in Item 1.*
(c) *Use of the automobile for the purposes stated includes the loading and unloading thereof.*

Item 6. Amount of mortgage, lien or other encumbrance, if any

If mortgaged or encumbered, loss, if any, under Coverage C payable as interest may appear, to the named insured and

(Name and Address)

Item 7. (a) No insurer has canceled any automobile insurance issued to the named insured during the past year; (b) The named insured is the sole owner of the automobile: *Exception, if any, to (a) or (b):* No Exceptions

Date of Issue 2-2-37

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY
By L A Burdett

Countersigned by _____

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The Travelers Indemnity Company
and
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company

Hartford, Connecticut

(Each a Stock Insurance Company Herein Called the Company)

Do Hereby Severally Agree with the insured, named in the declarations made a part hereof, in consideration of the payment of the premium and of the statements contained in the declarations and subject to the limits of liability, exclusions, conditions and other terms of this policy, provided (1) that The Travelers Indemnity Company shall be the insurer with respect to either one or both of Coverages A and B for which a premium is specified and charged in Item 4 of the declarations, and no other, and (2) that The Travelers Fire Insurance Company shall be the insurer with respect to Coverage C, if premium is specified and charged in Item 4 of the declarations, and no other:

Insuring Agreements

I. Coverage A—Bodily Injury Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage B—Property Damage Liability

To pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon him by law for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, caused by accident and arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of the automobile.

Coverage C—Loss of or Damage to the Automobile

To pay for any loss of or damage to the automobile and its equipment (hereinafter called loss) subject to the provisions of that Division hereof which is stated as applicable in the Limits of Liability space of Item 4 of the declarations.

Division 1—As respects loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, the deductible sum, if any, stated in Item 4 of the declarations shall be deducted from the amount of each such loss.

Division 2—Upon the occurrence of the first loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, which is made the basis of a claim hereunder, the named insured shall immediately pay to the company the additional sum stated as such in the Limits of Liability space in Item 4 of the declarations. Loss caused by collision with another object or by upset occurring prior to the reported claim shall in no event be considered the basis of a valid claim.

Division 3—Loss caused by collision with another object or by upset is excluded.

Breakage of glass and loss caused directly by tornado, cyclone, windstorm, hail, falling aircraft or parts thereof, and loss resulting from theft, earthquake, explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, insurrection or civil commotion, shall not be deemed loss caused by collision or upset.

II. Defense, Settlement, Supplementary Payments. It is further agreed that as respects insurance afforded by this policy under Coverages A and B the company shall

(a) defend in his name and behalf any suit against the insured alleging such injury or destruction and seeking damages on account thereof, even if such suit is groundless, false or fraudulent; but the company shall have the right to make such investigation, negotiation and settlement of any claim or suit as may be deemed expedient by the company;

(b) pay all premiums on bonds to release attachments for an amount not in excess of the applicable limit of liability of this policy, all premiums on appeal bonds required in any such defended suit, but without any obligation to apply for or furnish such bonds, all costs taxed against the insured in any such suit, all expenses incurred by the company, all interest accruing after entry of judgment until the company has paid, tendered or deposited in court such part of such judgment as does not exceed the limit of the company's liability thereon, and any expense incurred by the insured, in the event of bodily injury, for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of accident.

The company agrees to pay the expenses incurred under divisions (a) and (b) of this section in addition to the applicable limit of liability of this policy.

III. Definition of "Insured." The unqualified word "insured" wherever used in Coverages A and B and in other parts of this policy, when applicable to these coverages, includes not only the named insured but also any person while using the automobile and any person or organization legally responsible for the use thereof, provided that the declared and actual use of the automobile is "pleasure and business" or "commercial", each as defined herein, and provided further that the actual use is with the permission of the named insured. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply:

(a) to any person or organization with respect to any loss against which he has other valid and collectible insurance;

(b) to any person or organization with respect to bodily injury to or death of any person who is a named insured;

(c) to any person or organization, or to any agent or employee thereof, operating an automobile repair shop, public garage, sales agency, service station, or public parking place, with respect to any accident arising out of the operation thereof;

(d) to any employee of an insured with respect to any action brought against said employee because of bodily injury to or death of another employee of the same insured injured in the course of such employment in an accident arising out of the maintenance or use of the automobile in the business of such insured.

IV. Automatic Insurance for Newly Acquired Automobiles. If the named insured who is the owner of the automobile acquires ownership of another automobile, such insurance as is afforded by this policy applies also to such other automobile as of the date of its delivery to him, subject to the following additional conditions: (1) if the company insures all automobiles owned by the named insured at the date of such delivery, insurance applies to such other automobile, if it is used for pleasure purposes or in the business of the named insured as expressed in the declarations, but only to the extent applicable to all such previously owned automobiles; (2) if the company does not insure all automobiles owned by the named insured at the date of such delivery, insurance applies to such other automobile, if it replaces an automobile described in this policy and may be classified for the purpose of use stated in this policy, but only to the extent applicable to the replaced automobile; (3) the insurance afforded by this policy automatically terminates upon the replaced automobile at the date of such delivery; and (4) this agreement does not apply (a) to any loss against which the named insured has other valid and collectible insurance, nor (b) unless the named insured notifies the company within ten days following the date of delivery of such other automobile, nor (c) except during the policy period, but if the date of delivery of such other automobile is prior to the effective date of this policy the insurance applies as of the effective date of this policy, nor (d) unless the named insured pays any additional premium required because of the application of this insurance to such other automobile.

V. Policy Period, Territory, Purposes of Use. This policy applies only to accidents which occur and to direct losses to the property insured which are sustained during the policy period, while the automobile is within the United States in North America (exclusive of Alaska) or the Dominion of Canada, or while on a coastwise vessel between ports within said territory, and is owned, maintained and used for the purposes stated as applicable thereto in the declarations.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply:

(a) Under any of the above coverages, while the automobile is used in the business of demonstrating or testing, or as a public or livery conveyance, or for carrying persons for a consideration, or while rented under contract or leased, unless such use is specifically declared and described in this policy and premium charged therefor;

(b) Under any of the above coverages, while the automobile is operated by any person in any prearranged race or competitive speed test; or to any accident or to any direct loss to the property insured which occurs after the transfer during the policy period of the interest of the named insured in the automobile, without the written consent of the company;

(c) Under Coverages A and B, and under Coverage C with respect to loss caused by collision with another object or by upset, while the automobile is operated by any person under the age of fourteen years, or by any person in violation of any state, federal or provincial law as to age applicable to such person or to his occupation;

(d) Under Coverages A and B, to any liability assumed by the insured under any contract or agreement; or while the automobile is used for the towing of any trailer not covered by like insurance in the company; or while any trailer covered by this policy is used with any automobile not covered by like insurance in the company;

(e) Under Coverage A, to bodily injury to or death of any employee of the insured while engaged in the business of the insured, other than domestic employment, or in the operation, maintenance or repair of the automobile; or to any obligation for which the insured may be held liable under any workmen's compensation law;

(f) Under Coverage B, to property owned by, rented to, leased to, in charge of, or transported by the insured;

(g) under Coverage C:

(1) to (a) loss of use; (b) depreciation; (c) robes, wearing apparel and other personal effects;

(2) to (a) wear and tear; (b) mechanical or electrical breakdowns, failures or breakages; (c) freezing; (d) damage to tires; except where such loss results directly from other loss which is covered hereunder;

(3) to loss of tools or repair equipment by theft, robbery or pilferage unless the entire automobile is stolen;

(4) to loss due to: (a) wrongful conversion, embezzlement or secretion by a mortgagor, vendee, lessee or other person in lawful possession of the insured property under a mortgage, conditional sale, lease or other contract or agreement, whether written or verbal; (b) war, invasion, military, naval or usurped power; (c) confiscation or authorized destruction by duly constituted governmental or civil authorities;

(5) while the automobile (a) is used in any illicit or prohibited trade or transportation; or (b) is subject to any lien, mortgage or other encumbrance not specifically described in the policy.

Conditions

Conditions 1 to 7 inclusive apply to all Coverages. Conditions 8 to 22 inclusive apply only to the Coverage or Coverages noted thereunder.

1. Automobile Defined. Two or More Automobiles. Except where specifically stated to the contrary, the word "automobile" wherever used in this policy shall mean the motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer described herein; and the word "trailer" shall include semi-trailer. When two or more automobiles are insured hereunder, the terms of this policy shall apply separately to each but as respects limits of bodily injury liability and property damage liability a motor vehicle and a trailer or trailers attached thereto shall be held to be one automobile.

2. Assistance and Cooperation of the Insured. The insured shall cooperate with the company and, upon the company's request, shall attend hearings and trials and shall assist in effecting settlements, securing and giving evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses and in the conduct of suits and the company shall reimburse the insured for any expense, other than loss of earnings, incurred at the company's request. The insured shall not, except at his own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation or incur any expense other than for such immediate medical and surgical relief to others as shall be imperative at the time of the accident.

3. Subrogation. In the event of any payment under this policy, the company shall be subrogated to all the insured's rights of recovery therefor and the insured shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure such rights.

4. Changes. No notice to any agent, or knowledge possessed by any agent or by any other person shall be held to effect a waiver or change in any part of this policy nor estop the company from asserting any right under the terms of this policy; nor shall the terms of this policy be waived or changed, except by endorsement issued to form a part hereof, signed by the President, a Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary of the company, the Superintendent of its Automobile Division, or a Registrar specially authorized; provided, however, that changes may be made in the written portion of the declarations by a manager or general agent of the company when initialed by such manager or general agent.

5. Assignment. No assignment of interest under this policy shall bind the company until its consent is endorsed hereon; if, however, the named insured shall die or be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent within the policy period, this policy, unless canceled, shall, if written notice be given to the company within thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication, cover (1) the named insured's legal representative as the named insured, and (2) subject otherwise to the provisions of Paragraph III, and only as respects Coverages A and B, any person having proper temporary custody of the automobile, as an insured, until the appointment and qualification of such legal representative, but in no event for a period of more than thirty days after the date of such death or adjudication.

6. Cancelation. This policy may be canceled by the named insured by mailing written notice to the company stating when thereafter such cancelation shall be effective, in which case the company shall, upon demand, refund the excess of premium paid by such insured above the customary short rate premium for the expired term. This policy may be canceled by the company by mailing written notice to the named insured at the address shown in this policy stating when not less than five days thereafter such cancelation shall be effective, and upon demand the company shall refund the excess of premium paid by such insured above the pro rata premium for the expired term. The mailing of notice as aforesaid shall be sufficient proof of notice and the insurance under this policy as aforesaid shall end on the effective date and hour of cancelation stated in the notice. Delivery of such written notice either by the named insured or by the company shall be equivalent to mailing. The company's check or the check of its representative similarly mailed or delivered shall be a sufficient tender of any refund of premium due to the named insured. If required by statute in the state where this policy is issued, refund of premium due to the named insured shall be tendered with notice of cancelation when the policy is canceled by the company and refund of premium due to the named insured shall be made upon computation thereof when the policy is canceled by the named insured.

7. Declarations. By acceptance of this policy the named insured agrees that the statements in the declarations are his agreements and representations, that this policy is issued in reliance upon the truth of such representations, and that this policy embodies all agreements existing between himself and the company or any of its agents relating to this insurance.

8. Limits of Liability. Coverage A — The limit of bodily injury liability expressed in the declarations as applicable to "each person" is the limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident; the limit of such liability expressed in the declarations as applicable to "each accident" is, subject to the above provision respecting each person, the total limit of the company's liability for all damages, including damages for care and loss of services, arising out of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident.

9. Limits of Liability. Coverages A and B — The inclusion herein of more than one insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the company's liability.

10. Limit of Liability. Coverage C — The company's limit of liability with respect to the automobile and its equipment shall be the actual cash value of the property upon which loss is claimed at the time the loss occurs, or the cost of its suitable repair or replacement not in excess of such cash value, and loss shall be ascertained or estimated accordingly and shall in no event exceed the limit of liability, if any, stated in Item 4 of the declarations. In the event of such loss as is covered under this policy the full amount of such loss shall be determined by such ascertainment or estimate between the parties hereto, or if they differ, then by appraisal as hereinafter provided.

11. Financial Responsibility Laws. Coverages A and B — Any insurance provided by this policy for bodily injury liability or property damage liability shall conform to the provisions of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law of any state or province which shall be applicable with respect to any such liability arising from the use of the automobile during the policy period, to the extent of the coverage and limits of liability required by such law, but in no event in excess of the limits of liability stated in this policy. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company on account of any accident, claim or suit, involving a breach of the terms of this policy and for any payment the company would not have been obligated to make under the provisions of this policy except for the agreement contained in this paragraph.

12. Notice of Accident—Claim or Suit. Coverages A and B — Upon the occurrence of an accident written notice shall be given by or on behalf of the insured to the company or any of its authorized agents as soon as practicable. Such notice shall contain particulars sufficient to identify the insured and also reasonably obtainable information respecting the time, place and circumstances of the accident, the name and address of the injured and of any available witnesses. If claim is made or suit is brought against the insured, the insured shall immediately forward to the company every demand, notice, summons or other process received by him or his representative.

13. Notice of Loss. Coverage C — In the event of loss covered hereby the insured shall give immediate notice thereof in writing to the company. In the event of theft, robbery or pilferage the insured shall also give immediate notice thereof to the police.

14. Action Against Company. Coverages A and B — No action shall lie against the company unless, as a condition precedent thereto, the insured shall have fully complied with all the conditions hereof, nor until the amount of the insured's obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the insured after actual trial or by written agreement of the insured, the claimant, and the company, nor in either event unless suit is instituted within two years and one day after the date of such judgment or written agreement.

Any person or his legal representative who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under the terms of this policy in the same manner and to the same extent as the insured. Nothing contained in this policy shall give any person or organization any right to join the company as a co-defendant in any action against the insured to determine the insured's liability.

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured shall not relieve the company of any of its obligations hereunder.

15. Action Against Company. Coverage C — No action shall lie against the company on account of any claim hereunder until the amount of loss shall have been finally determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 10, nor unless commenced within twelve months next after the happening of the loss.

16. Other Insurance. Coverages A and B — If the named insured has other insurance against a loss covered by this policy, the company shall not be liable under this policy for a greater proportion of such loss than the applicable limit of liability expressed in the declarations bears to the total applicable limit of liability of all valid and collectible insurance against such loss.

17. Other Insurance. Coverage C — No recovery shall be had under this policy if at the time a loss occurs there be any other insurance, whether such other insurance be valid and collectible or not, covering such loss, which would attach if this insurance had not been effected.

18. Proof of Loss. Coverage C — Within sixty (60) days after loss, unless such time is extended in writing by the company, the insured shall render a statement to the company, signed and sworn to by the insured, stating the place, time and cause of the loss, the interest of the insured and of all others in the property, the sound value thereof and the amount of loss, all encumbrances thereon, and all other insurance, whether valid and collectible or not, covering said property; and the insured, as often as required, shall submit to examinations under oath by any person named by the company, and subscribe the same; and as often as required, shall produce for examination all books of account, bills, invoices, and other vouchers, or certified copies thereof if originals be lost, at such reasonable place as may be designated by the company or its representative, and shall permit extracts and copies thereof to be made.

19. Appraisal, Repair, Replacement, Abandonment. Coverage C — In case the insured and the company shall fail to agree as to the amount of loss each shall, on the written demand of either, select a competent and disinterested appraiser and the two appraisers so chosen shall first select a competent and disinterested umpire. The appraisers shall then appraise the loss, and failing to agree shall submit their differences only, to the umpire. The written award of any two shall determine the amount of loss. The insured and the company shall each pay his or its chosen appraiser and shall bear equally the other expenses of appraisal and umpire.

The company shall have reasonable opportunity to examine any property insured hereunder, upon which loss is claimed, before repairs are undertaken or physical evidence of loss removed.

The company shall not be held to have waived any of the terms of this policy or any forfeiture thereof by any requirement, act, or proceeding on its part relating to the appraisal, or to any examination provided for herein.

The company may, at its option, either repair or replace any part or all of the insured property upon which loss is claimed with other of like kind and quality or pay to the insured in money the full amount of such loss as determined in accordance with the pro-

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visions of this policy, subject, however, to such deduction, if any, as may be applicable thereto. There can be no abandonment to the company of any property insured hereunder.

20. Protection of Salvage. Coverage C In the event of any loss whether insured against hereunder or not, the insured shall protect the property from other or further loss, and any such other or further loss due directly or indirectly to the insured's failure to protect shall not be recoverable under this policy. Any such act of the insured or the company or its agents in recovering, saving and preserving the property described herein, shall be considered as done for the benefit of all concerned and without prejudice to the rights of either party, and where the loss suffered constitutes a claim under this policy, then all reasonable expenses thus incurred shall also constitute a claim under this policy, provided, however, that the company shall not be responsible for the payment of a reward offered for the recovery of the insured property unless authorized by the company.

21. Loss for Which Carrier or Bailee for Hire is Liable. Coverage C The company shall not be liable for loss with respect to the automobile while the automobile is in the possession of a carrier or bailee for hire under a contract, stipulation or assignment whereby the benefit of this insurance is sought to be made available to such carrier or bailee; provided, however, that the insured may without prejudice to this insurance accept such bill of lading, receipts or contracts of transportation as are ordinarily issued by carriers, bailees or others containing a limitation of their liability for injury to property while in the possession of such carriers, bailees or others.

22. Statutory Provisions. Coverage C Any and all provisions of this policy which are in conflict with the statutes of the State wherein this policy is issued are understood, declared and acknowledged by this company to be amended to conform to such statutes.

In Witness Whereof, The Travelers Indemnity Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverages A and B and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

J. S. Gannon
Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

In Witness Whereof, The Travelers Fire Insurance Company has caused this policy, with respect to Coverage C and such other parts of the policy as are applicable thereto, to be signed by its President and a Secretary at Hartford, Connecticut, and countersigned on the declarations page by a duly authorized agent of the company.

Edmund Ewing.
Vice President and Secretary

L. E. Zacher
President

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The Travelers Indemnity Company
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company
Hartford, Connecticut

Automobile Policy

Coverages which may be afforded:

A. Bodily Injury Liability
B. Property Damage Liability
C. Loss of or Damage to the Automobile

No. MC 976775

Issued to

William E.B. DuBois

Atlanta Georgia

Expires February 2, 1938
At twelve and one minute o'clock A. M.

BURDETT REALTY CO.
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
175 PEACHTREE ST. Wal 1011
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Automobile Insurance

Department of Sociology February 4, 1937

Gentlemen:

I took out yesterday automobile policy No. MC 976775. As I read it over at leisure I do not think that it covers exactly the protection which I wanted. What I wanted was:

a. liability insurance for bodily injury.
b. property insurance for damage to any automobile or other piece of property that I might injure. I should be willing to have some deductable minimum for this.
c. fire and theft insurance.

Will you kindly let me know how far this policy which you have issued covers these things and if it doesn't how and at what cost I can have the additional coverage.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Burdett Realty Company
175 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Burdett Realty Company

Sales-Rents-Loans-Insurance

Atlanta, Georgia

February 5, 1937

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W. E. B. Du Bois,
c/o Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir: Re: Travelers Policy No. MC-976775

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 4. Your policy as it is now written covers:

Liability insurance for bodily injury in the amount of $10,000 limit for each person and $20,000 limit each accident. Annual cost	$48.30
Actual cash value fire and theft insurance, comprehensive form, which includes breakage of glass, damage by hail, lightning, smoke or acid, surf or seashore damage, etc. Annual cost	22.55

The policy does not cover:

Property damage (damage to property of others). We can add this in the amount of $5000.00 at an annual cost of (This is not written on a deductible plan, nor for a smaller amount.)	13.00
Collision insurance (Damage to your car). This may be added on $50 deductible basis for an annual cost of	37.00
Or $100.00 deductible basis at a cost of	23.00

We recommend that you add property damage coverage. Also feel that $50 or $100 deductible collision is well justified the first year or two of the life of a car -- especially the higher priced ones.

The cost of your policy as it is nowwritten is $70.85. The addition of property damage insurance would make the annual cost $83.85; and $100 deductible collision added to that would be $106.85.

We shall be glad to hear from you as to your wishes in this connection.

Very truly yours,

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY

By Newton Burdett
Manager Insurance Department

LCB:FC

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February 9, 1937

Dear Mr. Burdett:

Answering your letter of February fifth in Re: Travelers Policy No. MC-976775, I should like to add the following items to my automobile insurance:

a. property damage (damage to the property of others) $5,000.00 at a cost of $15.00
b. collision insurance (damage to my car) on a $50.00 deductible basis at a cost of $37.00.

Will you kindly either make out a new policy or an additional policy and deliver to me with bill?

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Lawton C. Burdett
Burdett Realty Company
Atlanta, Georgia

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No. 344154

Effective from February 10, 1937 Amending Policies numbered MC-976775
At 12:01 A. M. Standard Time

Issued to William E. B. DuBois

The Travelers Insurance Company	Additional Premium	Return Premium
The Travelers Indemnity Company	Additional Premium $12.71	Return Premium
The Travelers Fire Insurance Company	Additional Premium 36.00	Return Premium

It is agreed that as of the effective date hereof these Policies are amended in the following particulars:

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To include Property Damage Coverage as provided for in Item 4 of the Declarations with the Limit of Liability $5,000.

Under Section C of Item 4 of the Declarations, Division applicable to read: "1"

Amount Deductible to read: "$50.00".

Date of Issue

2-10-37

MH

Changes affecting insurance afforded by The Travelers Insurance Company are executed for that Company only. Changes affecting insurance afforded by The Travelers Indemnity Company are executed for that Company only. Changes affecting insurance afforded by The Travelers Fire Insurance Company are executed for that Company only.

If any additional premium is noted above, this endorsement is issued in consideration thereof.

If any return premium is noted above, the receipt thereof is acknowledged upon acceptance of this endorsement.

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY THE TRAVELERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

L. J. Kemp
Secretary
Compensation and Liability Dept.

J. S. Garrison
Secretary

Edward S. Wing.
Vice-President and Secretary

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY

Countersigned by L A Burdett

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Burdett Realty Company

Sales-Rents-Loans-Insurance

Atlanta, Georgia

February 11, 1937

Prof. W.E.B.DuBois
c/o Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of February 9, we have issued and enclose herewith endorsement, adding property damage and collision coverage to your automobile policy.

We want to take this opportunity to again thank you for the opportunity of handling this insurance.

Very truly yours,

BURDETT REALTY COMPANY

By L C Burdett
Manager Insurance Department

Enclosure

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3641 South State Street,
Chicago, Illinois,
March 10, 1937.

Dr. Du Bois,
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

16.-12-33

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your article on Shanghai China. Perhaps you can answer my questions with some amount of accuracy: 1 Approximately, how many half white, half yellow people are in Shanghai China?; 2 Were they born in or out of wedlock?; 3 Are their fathers, [meaning a majority] white or Chinese?; 4 Are their mothers, [meaning a majority] white or Chinese?; 5 Is there a line of demarcation between the full blood Chinese and the half castes?

An answer from you will be highly appreciated, — inasmuch as I have heard and read so many conflicting stories, concering this city.

Yours very respectfully,
Rutledge R. Bush

March 15, 1937

16-12-34

My dear Sir:

I do not know anything about racial intermixture in Shanghai, nor do I know where information on the matter can be obtained.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Rutledge R. Bush
3641 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

[CALHOUN COLORED SCHOOL]

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia

Calhoun Colored School
Calhoun Ala.

16-12-45

I Should like to Receive any Material Available for Negro History wk. Send to Herman Robertson at the above named adress We are very much in Need of Such Material. or direct me to any Source from which I'll be able to secure Same. Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully yours
Herman Robertson

[Calhoun Colored School]

Request for information - 1937

January 14, 1937

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to acknowledge the receipt of your card. You may secure the information you desire by writing to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 1538 Ninth Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Herman Robertson
Calhoun Colored School
Calhoun, Alabama

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Washington, D.C
1717 11th N.W.

March 10, 1937

My dear Dr Du Bois: -

You have had felicitations and words of praise enough, to give you ego indigestion, but I must tell you how much I have enjoyed reading your Pageant in Seven Decades. The interesting, human style, the unique autobiography of it interested me that I read every word with a feeling that Horace must reread the Du Bois as his friends have known him. I say every word, but that Servant at the end "stumped" me. My younger daughter is reviewing her German, in anticipation of a study trip through parts of Europe next

summer and I am depending upon her for a translation. I am not wishing for you years of old-age infirmities & physique and multitudinous aches and ills, but I hope you may have many more years to devote to the good work you are now doing.

Most sincerely
Lillie Nolen Calloway

15-20-10

March 21, 1938

My dear Lettie:

Thank you for your kind words of March tenth. It was nice to hear from you and to have your good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lettie N. Calloway
1717 T Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

June 30, 1937

16-18-36

My dear Elizabeth,

You had us all up in the air and I had just dictated and Miss Diggs had written a telegram to know where on earth you were. When will you people learn my technique about motoring? Never eat miscellaneous food, know where you are going to stop and where you are going to eat! I hope Jennie and your husband are recovered by this time. Of course you are feeling tough but I maintain that most of that is psychological and that as soon as the physician tells you to stop worrying you will find yourself extraordinarily well and able to enjoy New York. We all send love.

Mr. Palmer has been solicitous and asks for news nearly every time he passes my door. Miss Diggs and Mrs. Duncan have not, I am sure, forgotten you. We are awaiting further news.

News here is of minor importance: last night Mr. Reid made his debut in a play "Mrs. Moonlight". It was fairly well done but not as well done as "Mary Tudor" or "The Bat". Still that was the first night. We have had scorching weather up until yesterday. Today the weather has been most civilized and last night I slept under a blanket. Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Whiting are carrying on your classes. Mrs. Henry is scouring the president's mansion. We are expecting him tomorrow.

This is all the respectable news I know, Miss Diggs promises to dish the dirt when she writes.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Cannon
634 Saint Nicholas Avenue
New York City

E P Cannon

634 St.Nicholas Avenue
Apartment 3-E
New York City
July 10,1937

16-18-39

Dear Doctor,

I do not need to say that I was glad to have a letter from you. The postscript was amusing--I mean the one about "the other guy." It was amusing because I do believe to my soul that all of your letter to me except the post-script was dictated to your secretary. The typing was too good to be yours. I must say "the pther guy" did write a long letter with his own pen. I can hear you saying now that it was because he had neither typewriter nor secretary,but the fact remains that he did it.

I had a long letter from Diggs,and she did dig up all the dirt she could find,and I was most grateful for it.

Well,I was in the hospital a week,with service fit for a queen,private day and night nurse,one main specialist with five consultants; diagnoses,consultations,X-rays of all kinds.Do you know that that fall came near running me? Forevermore,I shall endeavor to look where I step,and as for Dean--well--I shall have to get Miss Prophet to help me put the finishing touches on him. She said she would help any day.

I shall have to have an operation,though it will not be as serious as was thought by the Atlanta physicians. This is due to the fact that the doctors here suggest thirty radio-therapy treatments to precede the operation. So I go to the Harkness Pavilion each day for the said treatments. The operation comes later.

It has been 99,100,101,102,and 103 degrees in the shade here all the week. There is very little left of anybody.

I have not heard from Mrs.Duncan. I guess she is too busy doing my work. I did have a lovely letter from the President.

I am so sorry to miss seeing the new President upon his arrival,but I guess there are enough of you there to take care of him.

16-18-40

Jennie is still here. We are having as good a time as is possible under the circumstances.

Do write me a letter with your own hands when you have the time.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

July 19, 1937

16-81-41

My dear Elizabeth,

It was nice to hear from you and to assume that you are enjoying New York in spite of the heat. This is the last week and I shall be coming up by stages next week. I shall call you up the first week in August.

My best regards to you, your sister and husband.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Cannon
634 Saint Nicholas Avenue
New York City

634 St. Nicholas Avenue
Apartment 3 D
New York City
September 23, 1937

24-81-91

Dear Doctor,

Do let me thank you for the beautiful flowers which you sent to me when I was in the hospital. Do not consider these mere words when I say that I appreciated them more than I can ever say.

I came home last Sunday, and am about to begin to feel like my old self.

It is good, of course, to be home, but you can imagine how I miss being there when school opens.

I appreciated the note, too — and regretted that I did not get to see you and the family. Perhaps, someday, when I am better, I shall just take myself to ai

Mrs. Dubois and the baby.

Jennie just left about a week and a half ago. I miss her terribly though I know she must be glad to be home again.

Mrs. Duncan wrote only once this summer. I imagine she was successful in getting away to study.

Do write me when you have time, and tell me some of the goings on there; and at christmas time you must bring us full

oral report.

Note, please, the change of address. I moved just next door to the apartment where I was — from 3E to 3D.

My husband sends best wishes — and you know I send them, too.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Perry Cannon

[Cannon]

September 28, 1937

16-18-38

My dear Elizabeth,

I am aghast at hearing you say that I am to bring you all the gossip Christmas. I had thought surely you would be here long before that, but if not I shall try to load up.

I am glad to know that you are out of the hospital and in a new apartment. I suspect this apartment has a window where you can see more of New York City. I hope you will have a good restful time and it would be nice if you could call on Mrs. Du Bois. You see with the baby at home and in school she has rather limited intervals when she can get away from home. This summer, of course, she wasn't so tied down and I could have brought her, but this fall she may not be able to come.

I have just heard from Mrs. Duncan and she has walked entirely out of the world to the University of New Mexico. Why? God knows.

Here we are getting on. The new President is in the saddle and asking for suggestions. I sent him one of two single spaced typed sheets concerning the University dining room. We are in hope, although it is a pretty big job, and worse this year than ever. We have had one faculty meeting which consisted mostly of a long prayer by the acting-President of Morehouse College. Professor Caldwell of your department was introduced and someone else. Spelman was dumb. Mr. Archer is said to be better, but no one sees anything of him. Billie Geter is back and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy has work in all departments and colleges including the high school and is somewhat more than busy. Movies are open with good films. "Saratoga" and "The Good Earth" are on this week. Miss Prophet is here and in good health. Mrs. Shivery is having her house plastered and is

correspondingly busy. Reginald Johnson and his mother leave the Urban League and are going to New York City. The Buick car is still the best on the campus although there is a new Packard at Spelman. Mrs. Randall is back and Ernestine is at Laura Spelman Hall. Miss Brett is back. Miss Howard is to be at Columbia this year. This is positively every bit of news that occurs to me.

I hope you are getting along all right and are going to rest and be happy and will come back to Red Oak or its equivalent.

My best regards to Mr. Cannon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Cann
634 Saint Nicholas Avenue
New York City

634 St.Nicholas Avenue
Apartment 3-D
New York City
December 16,1937

16-18-34

Dear Doctor,

It was lovely of you to write again. I have not been too ill to write. I just somehow could not do it. I have scarcely written friends or relatives since October. Jennie sent four letters,threatened to send telegrams, then had somebody else to write me. I did hasten to answer this last letter of yours for I do want you to look me up when you come;and being the pig that I am,I am still expecting you to bring me all the news.

This is only a note to say that I am still alive. I shall save the conversation until you come. When you come, give me a ring sometime around six o'clock, in the evening,-of one of the days when you are not busy. I am usually home about that time.

I am hpping that you have had good health and a good year of work so far.

As ever,

Elizabeth P Cannon

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AV-3-0062

[Enc.]

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1937

Col. MacClinton Dies; Veteran of 369th Infantry

Won Two Medals Leading Crack Negro Troops Into Battles in France

Among 1st Into Germany

Court Reporter for Federal Bench, Eastern Division

Special to the Herald Tribune

MASSAPEQUA, L. I., March 21.—Colonel Seth B. MacClinton, who won the Croix de Guerre and L'Ordre de l'Armee fighting overseas during the World War with the 369th U. S. Infantry, died late last night at his home, 54 Bay Drive. Colonel MacClinton had been ill a week with broncho-pneumonia, but a heart ailment was the immediate cause of death.

Colonel MacClinton will lie in state tomorrow afternoon and night at the 369th Regiment Armory, 143d Street and Lenox Avenue, New York, and he will be buried from the armory on Tuesday after funeral services at 10 a. m.

When General William Hayward recruited, organized and trained the 15th Infantry (colored) of the New York National Guard six months before the United States entered the World War, Mr. MacClinton became one of the first officers of the unit.

The 15th Infantry became the 369th Infantry and was the first regiment of the American Expeditionary Force to land in France in 1917. It fought with the Fourth French Army and was under fire 191 days, more than any other American unit. The 369th Infantry became the shock unit in the September and October offensives in 1918, and the MacClinton company was regarded as the crack company of the regiment, taking a leading part in such drives as the one on the village of Sechault, which won the regiment a collective decoration with the Croix de Guerre. Later the 369th led the French army into the Rhineland and became the first Allied military force to enter Germany.

After the war, Colonel MacClinton helped General Hayward rehabilitate the National Guard unit, remaining an officer until his resignation in 1927.

Since 1910, with the exception of the war years, Mr. MacClinton has been court reporter of the Federal Court, Eastern division. He served for a number of years as president of the New York State Shorthand Reporters' Association.

A daughter, Miss Dorothy MacClinton, survives.

[Enclosure]

NEW YORK
Herald Tribune

A European Edition
Published Daily and Sunday in Paris

230 West 41st Street
New York

March 23, 1937

16-12-41

Mrs. Ernest Caraballo
1103 East 213th Street
New York City

Dear Madam:

We are glad to answer your letter of the 22nd. As stated in our news article enclosed, the former 15th Infantry became the 369th Infantry, in the 93rd Division. According to the volume "Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War," prepared by the United States Army War College and published in 1931, the 369th Infantry arrived at Brest on December 27, 1917. The 15th Infantry which took the place of the former 15th Infantry was in the 8th Division and reached France on November 9, 1918. (?)

If you are interested in going into this question further, we suggest that you consult this volume at your Public Library.

Yours very truly,

R. R. Lowe

Secretary to the Editor

Enclosure

16-12-40

1103 East 213 Street
New York, N. Y.
March 25, 1937

Request for information

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Recalling that you wrote a history of the Negro soldiers in the World War at the time I worked at The CRISIS, I thought perhaps you could straighten out a matter of discussion. The enclosed article as you will see states that the 369th was the first group of soldiers to fight in the A.E.F. However, several men in my office (formerly of the 69th - an Irish group) state that they went over before the 369th. I wrote to the Tribune about this and received the enclosed letter which is not very explicit. However, I shall consult the volume which they mention. But in the meantime, I thought you could give me the information.

Thank you in advance for any information.

Sincerely yours,

Emma Hicks Carabello

16-12-42

April 13, 1937

My dear Mrs. Caraballo:

The 369 Regiment was incorporated with the French Army and fought its first battle in April, 1918, in the Secteur Main de Massique, Champagne District. The 69 Regiment, known later as the 165, landed with the Rainbow Division and went into action in July, 1918, and in that same battle the 369 Regiment also took part being still incorporated in the French Army. You can consult on these matters Arthur W. Little's "From Harlem to the Rhine" and General March's "History of the World War".

I am glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Emma Hicks Caraballo
1103 East 213 Street
New York City
New York

October 6, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me with bill and library discount the monograph published under your auspices on the poor whites in South Africa? I do not know the publisher.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Carnegie Fund
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
OF NEW YORK
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

October 9, 1937

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Departmental Library in Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Du Bois:

We assume that your letter of October 6 refers to the study of the POOR WHITE PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA, which is published in five volumes. We are ordering a set forwarded to you with the compliments of the Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

JMR4fgh

November 3, 1937

My dear Sir:

In reply to my letter of October 6 you kindly wrote me October 9 that you were ordering a set of the Poor White Problem in South Africa forwarded to me. I thank you very much for your kindness but as the volumes have not yet been received I am wondering if by any chance they have gone astray.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. John M. Russell
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
OF NEW YORK
522 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

November 9, 1937

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Du Bois:

In reply to your letter of November 3, informing us that you have not received the set of the POOR WHITE PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA, we have asked the firm that handles the shipping of these sets to trace the books, which were sent to you on October 12. We notice that the address you give in your previous letter is slightly different from the one you are now using, and wonder if the books are at the Departmental Library in Sociology, where they were sent.

If you do not receive the shipment in a week or so, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

JMRfgh

November 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Russell:

I am glad to say that the set of five volumes on the POOR WHITE PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA was received this morning. It was marked as having been mailed from New York on November tenth. I am sorry to have troubled you again on the matter. May I express my deep appreciation for these books?

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John M. Russell
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

November 17, 1937

14-5-49

My dear Sir:

I am writing to acquaint you with our project of publishing an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. The history of the project is given in the enclosed leaflet and also a partial list of some of the scholars who are cooperating with us. To this list should be added the names of persons like Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Labouret of Paris, Professor De Cleene in Brussels, Professor von Eickstedt in Breslau, Professor Woelfel of the University of Vienna, Professor Homburger of Paris, Professor Leo Frobenius of Frankfort and many others.

The project was inaugurated by the Phelps-Stokes Fund and is under the general conduct of a board of directors whose names appear on this sheet. An editorial board has been begun of which I am the chairman and Professor Robert E. Park formerly of the University of Chicago is co-editor. We have not yet been assurred of the funds which are necessary for this undertaking but it looks as though we are going to receive them.

Our plan is to publish a scientific work in about four volumes in the collaboration of which we are asking the principal scholars of the world, both white and Negro. A considerable part of the Encyclopaedia will naturally be devoted to Africa and we want the cooperation and collaboration of persons of influence and scholarship in your land. I am writing to enlist your cooperation and aid.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. George Carpenter
Banza Mantake
Bas Congo
Congo Belge

Curtis Letters 1

Vivian Rosetta Carter
320 Hancock St;
Danville Ill.

Crisis - N.A.A.C.P.
Mr. W.E. Burghardt Du Bois
69 Fifth Ave.

Dear Editor;

Please, excuse my being so persistent, but that is the only way to make a person realize how much you wish to have their attention, isn't it?

I sent you a special week before last concerning a novel I'm wanting to sell. I would like to have a word from you, as soon as you feel like you will have a little time to look it over.

If you can't use it yourself, maybe you can help me

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get it placed.

I want to know also what the rates are, and the best way to sell it.

The reason I'm in such a hurry about things is, that I have no money to back me, and if the story is more profitable when its copyrighted, I would have to get out and look for enough work to enable me to cover that expense, and the more time I lose, the longer it will take to sell it.

I didn't wish to send this story to anyone unless I could hear from them, and have their promise to take

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special care of it.

I let a white woman send a short story for children off for me, because there are no colored people around here that have had any luck selling articles by themselves, and a woman at a broadcasting station in Chicago kept it a whole year before she returned it.

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Of course it was not copyrighted, and since she never sent me any kind of a word concerning it, I felt that it wouldn't be safe to let anyone else handle my business for me; especially a

white person.

I may be over cautious this time; but not because I do not trust you. A man with as good a reputation as yours can be nothing else but honest, but my main idea for wishing to get in touch with you, is to let you see how really important this story is to me, and how essential it is, that I get it properly placed and recieve the best rates possible on it.

I'd love so much to take my children in the country where they can have more room to excercise their growing bodies and be able to recieve the proper nourishment, for

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not that they are underfed, because that's where the largest part of my husband's earnings go; towards food supply. They are all hearty eaters too. I've realized for a long time, that a farm is what we need. They'd love it too, but there is never anything left for clothing. 16-19

We have three boys and one girl. We'll have two to go to school this fall, and only the Lord knows how we'll manage. The school had to buy my eldest boy shoes last winter, and it was in April before I could run up or anything to make him a winter coat.

They do very well until winter time; but it's pretty

bad to see your little children cold and half-hungry when you feel that you have a little of the kind of stuff in you to make life more comfortable for them.

They never have anything like other children and I never get to take them anyplace.

Will I have to send my story to you before you can tell me how much it will cost to have it copyrighted. I won't mind sending it if I know you are the one to handle it. I imagine you have editors to help you, but I want you to take care of it. Maybe that's a lot to ask for, but

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that's the only way that I feel that I have a chance of selling it.

I know if you can't use it yourself, you'll try to place it.

Before you read my story I wish to give you this little piece of information concerning it.

It is a ~~true~~ story with fictious names and places and a little extra imagination to help fit together the real facts; but I am calling it a fiction.

This lady is a southerner who I'm telling about and a remarkable person to know. I am a northerner. I've never been outside of Illinois in

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my life; yet I know exactly how this woman feels about the South. Her feeling for it is very strong. I try to reveal this feeling in my story. I even feel it myself as I write.

This woman has eight children now and is struggling along just as I am, only in another town, on this $48 a month project; which is barely enough to feed them.

My sympathy for her is strong, and though I cannot say that I'd give her a big sum towards helping her, I'd give her at least a tenth because it was her life that inspired me to write. She's very interesting

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I have used no names of anyone I know, however no one would ever guess the story is true, and with all the extra imagining she wouldn't recognize it herself.

I've changed this story five times, and worked on it during the few spare moments I have, off and on for three years. If I had been certain that I could get a sale for it, I might have finished it in one year.

I have four other stories outlined, taken from real life and inspired by dreams.

I believe I could do a story a year providing I could sell them, and nothing hap-

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pened to upset my plans.

I'm telling you all this to help you understand my story better, and more about myself.

I have a spotless reputation here in my hometown, I love everybody, and everybody appears to love me. Everyone seems to overlook my poverty. I don't care for social groups, I believe in mingling with only those that need help though I'm acceptable any where. I love to cut up my dresses to make one for a ragged child.

I love to devide the last I have with someone less fortunate than myself; I associate with the lowest type of people get there

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is not a one of them who could tell you a thing about me. I would be readily accepted into any group I choose to be in; only I feel that there is nothing I could do that would be any particular help to them.

They all have more than I have and don't need my money, and they all know how to act, however they don't need any help.

I love Christ's way. If I can't help anyone, I don't see any need of being around. I love to help and encourage the poor and needy; but the little help I give has to be through service, for there is

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very little material help that I can give, when I can't even help my own family. I do my best, though that's not saying much. Charity begins at home, you know.

I can't say that I could do much on my first story toward helping others, I'd help some I'm sure; but I'd have to get a start for ourselves. I'd have to get established before I could do anyone else much good, but there would have to be some time that I would be able to help others for I want to do a lot toward uplifting the poor in my city. If it isn't a thing

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but feeding and clothing poor little children, that will make me happy.

I have four children of course, and there is no telling how many more I'll have, but I don't care how many I have as long as I'm able to keep them healthy and happy; and other people's children have to be that way too before my happiness can be complete.

There is nothing that gives me more pleasure than being able to set eyes on a bunch of happy children, all sizes are acceptable. I love them.

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I mean to have as many as the Lord will give me; that's why I'm seeking a way to care for them.

I feel like a healthy, happy children and as many of them as one can have, is the best offer a negro woman can give to her race. That's why I want my share; and God help me to train them His way.

There needs to be more of us if we ever expect to get anywhere, and everybody that's able, that's black, ought to be on a farm, raising and training as many children as they can afford, to be good, god-fearing men and women

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that will be helpful to the uplifting of our race.

God puts everyone of us here to fulfill some rightful position here on earth.

I am anxious to fulfill that purpose, and have placed myself into His Holy hands, to use as he best wishes.

I believe I am destined to write. I have only to get started. God is my inspiration I concentrate in him daily.

Now, Mr. Du Bois I didn't intend to let go my feelings

in this letter, but I seldom ever seem able to write without them.

Business letters are usally sort of stiff. I tried to make mine so, but my real self has escaped. The better, that you may know me better.

I have a feeling somehow, that within you lies a kindred spirit to my own, that longs to see God and our race uplifted; however I want you to help me give God and my race the best that there is in me.

I Remain
Respectfully Yours
Mrs. Lucian Rosetta Carter

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June 25, 1937

My dear Madam:

16-19-41

Your letter without date has reached me here. I am no longer editor of the "Crisis". If you wish to write to the "Crisis" you should write to the Editor of the "Crisis", 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I am teacher of sociology in Atlanta University.

I may say in general to guide you that manuscripts should be sent to publishers. If they are short stories they should be sent to magazine publishers. If they are of novel length they should be sent to publishers of books. You will find in any good library a list of publishers. The manuscript should be written legibly and you should always preserve a copy for yourself. Your name should be on the first page, and you should send enclosed enough postage to cover the return of the manuscript to you. You can trust any reliable publisher to give you a frank decision as to the availability of your story in a short time. Publishers will attend to the copyright. Copyrights cost very little, a dollar or so. If the publisher takes your short story he will pay you usually when it is published. If it is a book, the publisher will take the story and pay you about ten percent of the selling price semi-annually as the book sells.

I may say frankly that most manuscripts of those who are beginning to write and have had no experience are returned. You certainly cannot count on any income from story writing until after many years of trial and failure. I sympathize with your desire to help your children, but I am bound to say that the ability to take care of children should precede the having of them. The Lord does not send children as you well know. You make them yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Vivian R. Carter
320 Hancock Street
Danville, Illinois

Curious letter

Danville, Ill.
Mrs. Vivian Carter
320 Hancock St.

June 28, 1937

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Dear Mr. DuBois;

I recieved your kind information concerning the placing of my story. Even though you are no longer the editor of the "Crisis", it was indeed a pleasure to hear from you.

After all, it could have only been pure kindness of heart to have prompted you to answer my foolish letters; and even though I know it is not a necessity to answer, I have the urge to do so, in appreciation of your interest.

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I love the advice of the experienced and the aged; for I realize that it is only through the good advice of the wise and successful that I will be able to feel my way towards my ambition.

You probably never recieved my second letter, I hope you never. It sounded like plain, old, vain and conceited praise. It wasn't though. I'm not quite that bad.

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Quite the contrary. I am much too timid for my own good and that was my way of trying to cover my awful timidity.

I was merely a little dog, trying to attract the attention of a big one through display of my cleverest tricks. I tried to polish up my few little virtues to draw your attention to their brilliancy. A very foolish idea I must admit, knowing it's left entirely up to the story to sell itself.

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I only wished to assure myself of its safety.

Maybe I'm wrong, ~~bos~~ but I have an inspiration that urges me to write whether it amounts to much or not; but common sense tells me that there must be a cause for such a feeling, since I haven't always recognized it as much as I do of late, and that I am poor enough to accept whatever returns I might receive from it.

I am only a small apple tree that has

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just given sprout on a rubbish heap, waiting for a chance to be transplanted to more fertile soil, watered and cared for ~~by~~ through the advice of successful and older people of considerable experience, till I have come to the stage where I can blossom and bring forth wholesome fruit.

I appreciate any advice you care to give me.

Sorry to be stubborn though, I still think children are a Godsend;

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that is most of them. I admit ~~some~~ most of them are children of sin, but most all of them have such beautiful and honest souls that I can't help but admire them (smiles)

I'm sure though that if you ever had any children, you were careful to be in condition to care ~~for~~ for them; but I was only sixteen when I married, and there's not much caution in a girl of that age. It was merely through the

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love of God that I escaped things some girls are unfortunate enough to fall into. I was so timid; but where timidity helped me through those years, its a drawback to me now.

My children gave me patience and stability I'd never have found any other way.

They take up a lot of my time; making what few spare moments I have seem like precious jewels and to lose one moment is

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to lose a costly jewel never to recover it again. That's why I think God gave me my children. Time used to not mean a thing to me nor stability either.

Mr. DuBois, it has been a real pleasure to read your letter, and I hope to read others in the future. They would be so end encouraging, Your letter reveals to me the interesting person I believed you to be. I hope to become ~~more~~ better acquainted.

16-19-40

I will cease to pest you any further unless you care to honor me with another letter, and I thank you sincerely for your kind attention.

Very Respectfully
Youre
Mrs. Vivian Carter
320 Hancock St
Danville Ill.

The George W. Carver School News.

Vol.— 1 February Number— 4

Let's Look at the World

By Louise Tarrant

The sit down strike of workers in the General Motors plant at Detroit was ended recently.

Kansas voted to ratify the child Labor Amendment. If eight more states ratify the amendment it will mean that congress will have power to forbid young people under 18 years old to work and the amendment will be a part of the Constitution of the United States.

Last week a big airliner dived into San Francisco Bay carrying eight passengers and a crew of three to their deaths.

Pope Pius XI seems to be headed toward recovery.

Every one of the 6000 school children of St. Cloud, Minnesota have been finger printed.

Armed guards have been placed around the DaFoe Hospital which houses the quintuplets in Callander, Canada.

"Pieface" a chimpanzee at Frank Bucks' Menagerie is cutting his first tooth.

In Yokohoma, Japan, following a collision with an enormous whale, a 102 ton Japanese whale boat flashed an SOS reporting she had sprung a bad leak and was sinking.

Superintendent J. C. Orr attended the Department of Superintendence meeting in New Orleans recently.

DU BOIS

WASHINGTON

LINCOLN

Great Men Born in February

By Charlie Moore

CITIZENSHIP

By James Taylor

In order to become good Americans or good citizens we should pledge ourselves as follows:

To uphold the morals of our school;
To be sincere in deed and thought;
To be courteous;
To be prompt;
To be obedient;
To read good books;
To strive for better English;
To be kind to school mates at home, at school and at play;
To keep our school room neat and clean;
To preserve all school property.

WHY OBSERVE Negro History Week

By Hugh Hill

"Before 1926 the Negro thought little of himself; new pride is taken in his past. The purpose of Negro history week is to stage dramatizations and other exercises in order to demonstrate the role of the Negro in the past as to secure for the race the same considerations." The Sr. 7 grade discussed the life of B. T. Washington and G. W. Carver as outstanding characters to emulate.

The George W. Carver School News

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STAFF

Editor -- James Taylor
Associate Editor---- Frank Harris
Society Editor--- Lottie Jones
Comics - C. Money
Sports ---------- Lee Andrew McKinley
Advertising Manager-- Hugh Hill

Imagination

Imagine seeing:
Bessie Walker without a smile on her face.
Ronia Wigglesworth, Katie Moore and Robert McGifford with their hair combed.
Helen Bryant without Annie Davis.
Rosie Perkins present in school a week without being absent a day.

By L. F. Johnson
Attendance Department

All parents are urged to send their children to school daily and to also check up as to whether the children are really reaching school.
The monthly fire drill at Carver School was held February 12. The pupils, numbering nearly 700, cleared the buildings in one minute and five seconds.

Carver Fortieth Anniversary

By Louise Sanders

The pupils of our school sent a contribution toward the two thousand dollars which Tuskegee Institute is raising for the Carver Fortieth Anniversary Memorial.

Did you know that:
According to survey the typical American eats over a ton of food a year?
Ida Mae Gaines is the best singer at Carver School?
We are aware of the five boys in the Jr. 8th grade only when the roll is called?
Otis Wynn needs a hair cut?
Ora Lee Massey is the smallest one in the Sr. 7th Grade?
The actions of men are the best interpretations of their thoughts?
Pauline Tubbs is a smart girl?
Annie Mary White is very neat?
Nathaniel Gibson goes with Margaret Hall?
Great Britain had three Kings last year(George V, Edward VIII, and George VI?
Charlie Cross is in love with Georgia Mae Harper?
Victor Ward doesn't know a masculine gender from a feminine gender?
James Fikes has nearly rolled Lottie Jones from Frank Harris?
By Fannie Kirkland

L L Coltrane
Cash Store
Fresh Meats & Vegetables

Judge Frank Hall was a recent visitor to Carver School.

Please pay the activity fee for your paper. Ed. Jones

HONOR ROLL

The following students maintained "A" or "B" averages during the first semester:
Ruth Baltimore, Maxine Delbeche, Lucy Fisher, Jessie Harris, Lena Mixon, Archie Parker, Dorothy Rutledge, Ester Allen, McHenley Barnes, James Cammack, Ernestine Edwards, Dorothy Keenedy, Gutharie Walker, Doris Cammack, Cleopatra Hair, Ernestine Hinkle, Dorothy Jackson, Amelia Johnson, Priscilla Pender, Ethel Peterson, Eva McKinley, Margaret Rhodes, Jessie Benion, Mildred Bennett, Ruth Hill, Luther Moore, Howard Davis, Evelyn Dowdell, Mary Tillie, Christine White, Frank Harris, Louise Saunders, Louise Tarrant, James Taylor, Charlie Moore.
The above students are to be commended for having attained and maintained Honor Roll averages during the first semester.

The faculty advisors for this paper are Miss Beatrice Tucker, Miss H. L. Shivery and Mr. T. R. German.

J. W Dukes
431 4th Avenue
Fresh Meats & Vegetables

Request for information - 1937

Department of Sociology

February 16, 1937

16-12-56

My dear Cater:

In behalf of a friend of mine I want very much to get some information concerning Dr. Robert T. Burt, Surgeon-in-chief at the Home Infirmary, corner of Current and Front Streets, Clarksville, Tennessee. His home address is 122 North Third Street. I want to find out whether he is colored or white and just how reliable he is. Can you give me any information, or refer me to anyone who can? I shall, of course, keep your word confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. C. Cater
148 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

March 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Cater:

Thank you very much for the confidential information which you secured for me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. C. C. Cater
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

16-12-31

January 6, 1937

My dear Professor Chapman:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, which arrived during my absence from the city. In behalf of Dr. Du Bois permit me to thank you for calling my attention to Professor Martin's "Who's Who in Latin-America" and for suggesting the name of Dr. James A. Robertson.

With appreciation of your good wishes for the success of the project, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Professor Charles E. Chapman
University of California
Department of History
Berkeley, California

Lecture Lending

September 28, 1937

My dear Mr. Hill:

16-7-2

I received a telegram sometime ago concerning exercises at Cheyney October 16. I wired acceptance. Since then I have been waiting confirmation of my telegram and for details as to the hour, etc. Please write me. The round trip expenses from Atlanta to Cheyney will be about sixty dollars including pullman and pullman meals but not including board otherwise.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

President Leslie P. Hill
Cheyney Training School for Teachers
Cheyney, Pennsylvania

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHEYNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 1, 1937

Lectures pending - 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-7-3

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Of course we are expecting you here in accordance with our exchange of telegrams. The enclosed program just from the printer will speak for itself. We shall expect you to be our guest at Melrose, and we shall have prepared a check for you in the amount of $75.00

Kindly let me know when you expect to arrive at Cheyney so that we may have you properly met and cared for.

Very sincerely yours,

Leslie Pinckney Hill

Leslie Pinckney Hill
President

LPH/H

October 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Hill:

16-7-4

I have your letter of October 1. The subject which you assign me is one that I know too little about. I have some data, of course, about the Institute for Negro Youth but what can you send me about other Negro educational work especially some undertaken by Quakers? They had some southern schools I know and perhaps still have, but what else have they done?

Very sincerely yours,

President Leslie Pinckney Hill
Cheyney Training School for Teachers
Cheyney, Pennsylvania

[Cheney]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHEYNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 8, 1937

Dr. W.E.B. Dubois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Lectures 1937

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Dear Dr. Dubois:

Perhaps it might be just as well for you to speak at our Centennial in general terms on the response of the Negro to opening opportunities with special reference to the Quakers whom we are desiring throughout our celebration to honor. I have myself no complete history of the contribution made to Negro education by the Society of Friends. There is, however, an extensive record of heroic, practical pioneering in our behalf. Cheyney is, of course, the outstanding monument to this spirit. The school at Christiansburg, Va., has been for years supported by the Society. The Southland School in Helena, Ark., though closed now, has a notable history. In Mt. Pleasant, S. C., the Laing School is still directed and supported by Quakers. There is no finer home for underprivileged colored children, known to me, than the Riverdale-on-Hudson Orphanage. The Shelter for Colored Orphans here at Cheyney and the Sunny Crest Farm are other institutions rendering the same service. Quakers taught and supported ship-master Paul Cuffe. They gave books and every encouragement to Benjamin Banneker, and were very influential with Frederick Douglas and Sojourner Truth. Richard Allen and Absalem Jones got their start in Anthony Benezet's Free African School. Bouchet, our first Negro Ph.D., was supported outright at Yale by Alfred Cope who is one of the great Quakers of our Cheyney history. You know that Quakers conducted scores of small private schools all over the country when the law and public opinion made the teaching of Negroes a crime: and so on.

We want to emphasize that these Quakers stood first and foremost for the principle of the open door, consistently supporting every agency furthering the advancement of the American Negro. We are honoring those of the heroic stature of Woolman and Benezet who blazed trails for the feet of thousands to follow. You can bring us better than anyone else a sense of the remarkable response of our people. That is the main thing on this particular Centennial occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Leslie Pinckney Hill

LPH/H

[Cheyney Training School For Teachers]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CHEYNEY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS
STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHEYNEY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 18, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Lecture - 1937

16-7-5

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Our college is deeply grateful for your very fine contribution to our Centennial program. The enclosed check intended to cover your expenses is no indication of our sense of indebtedness. If you will kindly sign the voucher on the line marked by the cross and immediately return it you will greatly oblige us.

Very sincerely yours,

Leslie Pinckney Hill
President

LPH/H
Enc.

October 20, 1937

My dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you very much for the check in the amount of $75. I am returning the voucher.

I am so sorry that I could not stay and see more of the exercises and enjoy the good fellowship but I had to rush back to Philadelphia to see a specialist with regard to my cold and sinus trouble; and then take a train so as to get back to Atlanta in time for my classes. What little I saw ~~of the classes~~ I enjoyed very much and I am glad to see Cheyney continuing its prosperity.

Very sincerely yours,

President Leslie P. Hill
Cheyney Training School for Teachers
Cheyney, Pennsylvania

Request for information

2/25/37

1016 West 5th Street
Bloomington, Indiana
February 22, 1937

16-12-61

Dr. W.E.B.Du Bois:

I aspire to contribute something worthwhile to Negro literature.

Having read of you and your worthy efforts on behalf of our race, I am anxious to know of your opinion concerning the following questions: (1) Should I, in my writings, identify myself racially? Or (2) Should I be an individual who writes of life as he see it, regardless of race?

By which course will I be most successful in my efforts to contribute to Negro literature?

The enclosed poems express my creed in regards to my objective in life.

May I hope that we will become friends?

Thanking you for this opportunity to correspond with you, I remain,

Yours truly,

Lawrence O. Donald Chism

Lawrence O. Donald Chism

[Enclosure]

16-12-62

The Voice of My People

by

L.Chism

Lo! I am the voice of my people.
Let all those who teach the doctrines
Of brotherly love, heed my voice.
A voice weak from disuse; yet one
That increases in strength with each uttering.
I am the voice of my people:
A people, who have long felt themselves down trodden;
But who have ever dared to hope
For a brighter tomorrow;
A day bringing to us , things denied
In the past.
We are a mixture of races, yet we seek a leader
From this mass of races.
One who by his moral character and convictions
Will be able to teach us all those things
Which enrichen the life of a race,
So that we may enjoy the sweetness of life.
My voice is still weak; yet I hope
My feeble utterings will be heard--by all mankind.

A Plea For Justice

by

Lawrence Chism

Let there be justice throughout all the land;
May it fall on rich and poor alike.
That no man might claim that he
Is the favorite of justice,
While less fortunate brothers suffer
Because of partiality.
Let no man say that he,
And he, alone can tamper
With the intricate process of justice.
Be he a great man or a small one.
The world is waiting for a just leader.
Arise! all of you, who are fearless,
Brave and possessed of strong convictions.
Seek among yourselves for a leader.
Let him not seek to favor a few with justice;
Instead, may he have the convictions and courage
To plead that all races, regardless of color
Might stand before the seat of justice without fear--
Knowing that justice prevails
Throughout all the land.

March 10, 1937

16-12-63

My dear Mr. Chism:

Answering your letter of February 22, please permit me to say that Dr. Du Bois feels it is impossible for one man to tell another man how he is going to succeed in anything.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Lawrence O. D. Chism
1016 West Fifth Street
Bloomington, Indiana

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January 7, 1937

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My dear Mr. Chivers:

You will be pleased to know that considerable progress has been made toward the compilation of a definitive list of topics which the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat. If you could find it possible to submit within the next few days your criticisms of the sections sent you, you would aid materially in the completion of this preliminary work. Dr. Du Bois, who is returning to his office the early part of February, would be very grateful to you for this manifestation of your continued interest in the proposed Encyclopaedia.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Mr. Walter Chivers
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent to:

Walter Chivers
Frank Boas
William A. Aery
T. Arnold Hill
Charles S. Johnson
Natal De Cleene
James H. Dillard
James W. Johnson
Mordecai Johnson
J. E. Spingarn
Florence M. Read
Rufus E. Clement
Caroline Bond Day
Alain Locke

[1937 ?]

MEMORANDUM on the suggested list of subjects for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro as prepared by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.

Suggestions made by: Walter R. Chivers

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These suggestions were confined to Section 2 of the Negro In America because the writer felt better fitted to treat this subject.

Page 72 ANTHROPOLOGY

Should not language, food, shelter, mores and folkways be treated under the larger subject Culture.

PSYCHOLOGY

Intelligence Tests- the file on Testing and the Negro, Teacher's College, Columbia University is rather complete, including dissertations, magazine articles etc. The Personnel, Sociological and Psychological Journals also contain considerable information on Intelligence Tests.

Page 75 NEGRO TOWNS

A Negro community is adjacent to Tarboro, N.C. The name is not remembered by the writer.

Oklahoma, Langston?

NEGRO SETTLEMENTS

Prairie View, Texas

Page 78 Standard Four Year Colleges, Class A.

This list is incomplete. Among other schools omitted are ; Morgan College, West Virginia State College, Howard University, Lincoln University (Penn.) and A. & T. College, Greensboro, N.C.

Page 79 Government Aid

Incomplete. Omissions: N.Y.A. and probably others.

Industrial & Vocational Schools

Incomplete. Private schools for Negroes, add, Schofield Institute, ~~Augusta, Georgia~~, quite certain there are others.
Baker, S.C. Lathrop Institute, Augusta.

Former Schools for Negroes

Add: Kittrell College, S.C. and Payne College, Selma, Alabama.

Professional Schools

Theological

Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.
Baptist Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia

Social Work

Atlanta School of Social Work, Atlanta, Gworgia
Bishop Tuttle Schoole of Social Service, Raleigh, N.C.
Howard University Department of Social Work, Wash. D.C.
Zavier University School of Social Service- New Orleans, La.

Beauty Schools

Completely omitted.

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Page 80 PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATIONAL FUNDS AND FOUNDATIONS

Commonwealth Fund, New York City
American Missionary Association

Page 81. NEGRO HOSPITALS

Approved Negro Hospitals

Add: Negro Division, Macon, Georgia, City Hospital

Page 84 AGRICULTURE

All relations of Federal Government to Agriculture should fall under one major heading and be treated both from the historical and socio-economic points of view. For example:
The Federal Farm Program and the Negro In Agriculture.

Page 85 LAND

Here is an excellent opportunity for treatment of the Negro as an emerging peasant- especially the period beginning in 1910 for the urban Negro and 1930 for the rural Negro.

HISTORY OF NEGRO OCCUPATIONS

Insurance

Add Faternal.

Page 86 MIGRATION OF NEGRO LABOR

Attention should be paid to the Post-Civil War movements-especially the migration to Florida and the Mississippa Delta. Also Post-World War migration.

Page 87 NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS

True Reformers-----Richmond, Virginia
St. Lukes----------Richmond, Virginia
Woodman of America
Y.M.C.A.?
Y.W.C.A.?
Allen Life Guard--Adjacent of A.M.E. Church
Unia---(Garvey Movement)

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Page 88 RELIGION

Father Devine
Bishop Grace
Elder Micheaux--Washington, D. C.

Costonie

Page 89 CRIME

Add: House Rent Parties

Page 90 NEGRO SINGERS

Add: Madame Azalia Hackley
Harry T. Burleigh
Lillian E. Vanti
Etta Moten
Ethel Waters
George Garner

NEGRO AMERICAN AUTHORS

Add: Isaac Fisher
George E. Haynes
E. Franklin Frazier
R. R. Moton
Monroe N. Work
John W. Beverly
Ira De A. Reid
Walter R. Chivers
George Schuyler
Wallace Thurman
Thomas Campbell
Esa Gordon
Thomas Posey
Charles H. Thompson
Forrester B. Washington
Sadie T. Mossell
Miles Mark Fisher
Thomas Jefferson Flannagan

NEGRO POETS

Add: Sterling Brown

Page 92 WHITE AUTHORS ON NEGRO THEMES

Add: T.J. Woofter
Arthur F. Raper
R. B. Eleazer
Paul Baker
W.W. Alexander
Edwin Embree
Anson Phelp-Stokes

Page 93 NEGRO ACTORS

Add: Aubrey Lyles
Quintard Miller
Irving C. Miller
Salem Tutt Whitney
Homer Tutt Whitney
Stepin Fetchit
Bill (Bojangles Robinson) — ?
Louise Beavers

Page 94 THE BLUES

Add: "Duke" Ellington
Fletcher Henderson
Obie Carmichael

Page 108 NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Add: Atlanta Daily World--Atlanta, Georgia
Service Magazine--Tuskegee Institute
Planet-- Richmond, Virginia

FORMER PUBLICATIONS

Add: Independent-- Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Chivers pointed out that Teachers College of Columbia Univ. has a special bibliography on Testing and the Negro.

He also suggested Dr Benjamin now in Chic. as well qualified in psychology.

32-31-16

Memphis Tenn.
Dec 2, 1937

Dr W. E. DuBois
Atlanta Ga.,

Dear Sir:- Please send me if you
have in hand such ties to be used in
a quilt made of ties such of Prominent
Americans. The quilt is being made by
a group of women to be raffled for a
worthy cause, and we would be very
grateful and highly honored if you
would send a tie at your earliest
convenience &

Gratefully yours
Miss A. E. Church Dietchin
384 S. Lauderdale St.,
Memphis, Tennessee

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December 7, 1937

16-6-15

My dear Miss Church:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to send you, as requested in your letter of December 2, one of his neck ties to be used in a quilt.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Miss A. E. Church
384 South Lauderdale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

[CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD]

October 26, 1937

My dear Mr. Kingsley:

I could speak in Chicago February 14 or 21, 1938. My charge would be fifty dollars. I have as yet no other plans for lectures in Chicago. The date February 14 has been offered to Dayton at their request but not yet accepted. I am enclosing a list of my subjects.

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Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Harold M. Kingsley
Church of the Good Shepherd
5700 Prairie Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

September 22, 1937

16-10-31

My dear Mr. Milton:

Enclosed is my check for $25.00. Could you exchange this for a draft on the National City Bank of New York payable to the order of Arthur Ramos? I want to send a remittance to South America and I shall be glad to pay any charges.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

October 5, 1937

My dear Mr. Milton:

6-10-32

May I trouble you for two matters: will you kindly sign the enclosed statement? I want to use this as a voucher in accounting for this expenditure to the Phelps Stokes Fund. Dr. Ramos' voucher will not be returned for several weeks and I must make a report. Secondly, what would a draft for seventy-one shillings on London cost approximately? I am sorry to trouble you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. D. Milton
Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia

[Citizens Trust Company]

October 5, 1937

This is to certify that the Citizens Trust Company sold W. E. B. Du Bois a draft on the National City Bank of New York in favor of Arthur Ramos, September 25, 1937.

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L. D. Milton

Atlanta, Georgia

THE Citizens Trust COMPANY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

October 13, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-10-33

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I find I have not returned the voucher which you sent me to sign. It is inclosed.

Regarding the London exchange about which you inquired. We have asked our New York correspondent, The National City Bank, for quotations. I might say, however, that the rates of exchange are pretty nearly at par and that the pound sterling will cost approximately $3.85. However, I shall be happy to purchase a draft for you at the lowest buying rate if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

L. D. Milton
Cashier and Vice President

Inc.
LDM/mnc

November 17, 1937

16-9-4

Gentlemen:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois could lecture in Cleveland Saturday, February nineteenth. A list of his subjects is enclosed. He has lectured at the City Club before. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience if there is an opening.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

The City Club of Cleveland
712 Vincent Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Request to read manuscript

110 Marshall St.
Decatur, Ga.
Feb. 7, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please criticize this outline, subject etc. I consulted you, Saturday, concerning it and a Rosenwald Fellowship.

Remember, time is an important factor in the case, for all matters must be in Chicago before the end of the present month.

I am very gratefully yours,
Charles H. Clayton.

10-6-01

16-6-02

February 11, 1937

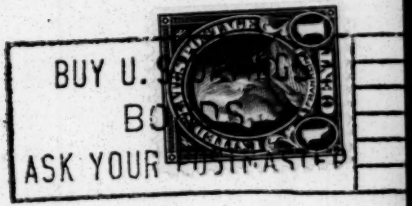
My dear Mr. Clayton:

Your outline is too vague and general. Why, for instance, should you study twelve or thirteen states and not others. Or why not confine the study rigorously to one state like Georgia or possibly the southern South: South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi? Then, secondly, it is not at all clear as to just what you are going to study and how you are going to do it. Is it the whole economic, social, and political condition of the Negro, and the whole question of the attitude of whites toward these things, or is it especially the economic side, or particularly the political, or social side? Thirdly, how are you going to make the study? The printed material is vast, and if it were confined to books, and rigorously restricted to the last ten years, it would be more than you could cover; but in addition to that if you are going to take periodicals, newspapers, and unpublished material, state records, etc., there is work enough for a dozen persons for ten years. I am sure the Rosenwald Fund will require a good deal more limited and definite project.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles M. Clayton
110 Marshall Street
Decatur, Georgia



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Mr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois

210 West 150th St.

Atlanta

Ga.

Feb 12. 1931

CYRIL CLEMENS, PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL MARK TWAIN SOCIETY
WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

Dear Mr DuBois:-

I am engaged upon a biography of the late President Harding who, I feel has not received his due at the hands of historians. Do you recall your visit with him? Any suggestions you may have will be greatly appreciated.

When will your next book appear?

Faithfully yours
Cyril Clemens.

10-12-54

16-12-55

March 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Clemens:

Answering your note of February 12, I beg to say that I never had the pleasure of meeting with the late President Harding. Many friends and colleagues often met him and were greatly impressed by his pleasant manner; but I never happened to be along.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Request for information 1937

Mr. Cyril Clemens
International Mark Twain Society
Webster Groves, Missouri

LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL COLLEGE
FOR NEGROES
SEVENTH AND KENTUCKY STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 15, 1937

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-5-03

My dear Dr. Logan:

After going through the list of subjects to be included in Section II, The Negro in America of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, I should like to suggest the following additions, changes or corrections:

1. On page 72, of the outline under Psychology, the recent work of Dr. Martin Jenkins might be worthy of note.

2. On page 77, under the list of Negro Colleges, LeMoyne should be listed as merely LeMoyne College instead of LeMoyne Junior College. Further down on the same page, the name should be Louisville Municipal College for Negroes instead of Municipal College.

3. On page 78, Simmons University should be omitted entirely. On this same page the list of Standard Four-Year Colleges, etc. should be revised so that it should be brought up to date.

4. On page 79, under Professional Schools, Theological, Simmons Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, should be listed.

5. On page 80, under Philanthropic Educational Funds and Foundations, you will probably want to include the Anna T. Jeannes Fund, the Harmon Foundation, and the Guggenheim Fund.

6. On page 88, under Housing, should be included a special section on Federal Housing Projects for Negroes.

7. On page 97, included in your list of Negro Orators, there should be the name of Joseph Charles Price, one of the greatest, certainly, of this group.

8. On page 107, under Negro Newspapers, should be included the Louisville Leader, I. Willis Cole, Editor and publisher, and the Louisville Defender, Frank L. Stanley, Editor.

9. On page 108, Negro Newspapers continued, the Star of Zion is published at Charlotte instead of New Bern, North Carolina, and you will notice that on page 108, you give the year 1880 as the year it was founded, while on page 101, you say it began in 1877. Naturally there should be a reconciliation here.

10. On page 111, under the discussion, The History of Slavery, should probably occur the topic, Slavery in American Diplomacy.

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16-5-04

Dr. Rayford W. Logan

11. On page 118, The Negro and Reconstruction , there should certainly be a section on the Union League and possibly another on the Knights of the White Camelia.

12. On page 121, under Education, should be articles dealing with the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools; National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars in Negro Schools, and the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for Negro Youth, as each of these is a very significant organization in the present educational life of the Negro in America.

13. On page 122, under Sports, you will doubtless want to include the records of Jesse Owens, Cornelius Johnson, John Woodruff, Dave Albritton, and Sol Butler.

14. On page 130, you must include Simon G. Atkins.

15. On page 131, you have neglected a notation on Bishop George Wylie Clinton.

16. On page 133, under Negro Biography again you have omitted Solomon T. Fuller, famous nerve specialist, William Harvey Goler, Educator, and E. D. W. Jones, Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

The above mentioned are the items, some of which are naturally minor, which should be corrected or included in your section on The Negro in America.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

Rufus E. Clement
Dean

REC:CF

January 19, 1937

My dear Mr. Clement:

Thank you very much for your good letter of January fifteenth and the many helpful suggestions that it contained for compiling a definitive list of topics that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should include. Your observations will receive the very careful consideration of Dr. Du Bois.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

16-5

Dean Rufus E. Clement
Louisville Municipal College for Negroes
Seventh and Kentucky Streets
Louisville, Kentucky

LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL COLLEGE
FOR NEGROES
SEVENTH AND KENTUCKY STREETS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 29, 1937

5/5/37

16-19-26

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor DuBois:

I am deeply grateful for your recent telegram. I am very happy in knowing that I shall have the opportunity of working with you in Atlanta University.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

Rufus E. Clement
Dean

REC:CF

[Gloria Griffin Clinton]

Eng. but
Please read
all 7 pp.

Wright City, Mo.
February 14, 1937
Box 124.

16-19-42

Curious letter

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Sir:

I'm sure you do not remember me as I am one of the thousands of students you meet, and have met, every year when you visit our schools. But, like most of them, I remember you.

I was a student at Lincoln University, Missouri, when you came there once. The president, then Dr. J. Jason, introduced us.

All of which still leaves me a stranger to you, nevertheless I'm going to ask a very unusual favor of you.

I teach here in a little town among people and things that interest me as a lover of nature and an amateur writer, but it is so limited I can not think of living here all my life. It seems so useless, and I do want to feel that I shall do something helpful or important in life. Besides, I love children and want a home and children of my own to rear — but not here where you feel so cut off from the world.

I've been to a lot of places — think, con—

sidering the fact that I'm a very serious minded old fashioned young girl in my twenties — seven or eight states, from Oklahoma to New York, Mississippi to Chicago. (I like travel) and I find that there are people and — people. I'm an idealist I suppose. Not all people go on interesting me. I must admire people in order to like them. I like nothing ugly and sordid — only the beautiful. I like dancing, but somehow I can't enjoy dancing with a man holding me too close, and whose breath smells of cheap liquor, in a room filled with cigarett smoke and Earl Hines plunking away over a cheap radio. I don't smoke, drink or swear. I don't like night clubs — they are too loud. I don't enjoy gossip. I like to talk about South America or other strange lands. Religion and races. (of man) I like cards, but the usual talk I hear at our little bridge club sounds so silly and empty to me. Most of the people I know (all I know here) bore me terribly and I'm sure I must be a wet blanket to them, though I certainly try to be congenial. As I look around me I see that I can never hope to find a man whom I could love and admire enough to marry. I am twenty-five and because I want to have my children while I am still young, I want to marry soon. I've known a few men whom I liked but they were men I met while visiting some town years ago. However it is proof that there are men in the world like that, so I have hope of finding one. There is really nothing wrong with me. I'm considered very attractive, have a charming personality, am a good dancer, pleasant conversationalist, wear nice clothes and am full of vitality. So far, I've been the best dressed, most popular and best looking girl in any town I've lived, or at any school I've attended, but I know that would work

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in every town. I don't think any woman is that vain.

I want to come to New York this (early) summer for a few weeks. Perhaps, with the right person to introduce me, I shall find some nice man whom I may like and who perhaps, may like me. I was there last summer for a few days but having no one to show me around, I met no one. This time I want someone who knows the eligible men and right girls to introduce me to, someone who has influence. You're the only person I know like that in New York. I hope you will consider letting me count on you to see me [illegible] launched. I assure you I'm no nobody. Bishop John A. Gregg, Dr. Wilkins, father of Roy Wilkins and Dr. Morton, father of Etta Morton, all of Kansas, are personal friends of mine. Also Bishop R.C. Ransom. Please write them about me before you give me your answer. Of course I'd rather you did not tell them what I want of you - please but I really want you to write them. My address familiar to them, is St. Charles, Missouri. The late N. Clark Smith of St. Louis, was also my personal friend. And Richard B. Harrison was a frequent caller at our home when he taught school in Arkansas, where I was born. He was always very fond of me.

I am not afraid to lay open my life history to you. I am truly proud of my reputation. I've worked hard to earn the nice things people say about me. I've sacrificed a lot, and now I think I deserve to be happy in the way I desire - to be married to a clean, ambitious intelligent, truthful, kind and home loving man. I seek not fame nor wealth. All these I have turned down lots of times. Character is the thing. A clean mind in a clean body is not "funny" to me. Its

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sensible. I'm not a prude about such things however, but I do prize character above intemperence in any form. I hope I am very tolerant. I should not be so proud to find that I am not.

I'm inclosing a little picture of myself, not that I'm putting myself on display for your approval, but that you may get an idea by what I'm like. Perhaps you're like me, like to feel that you can read character from a photo. This one was taken there in New York last summer. I believe its in front of Grants tomb. Its the only picture I have of New York so please return it very soon.

Please help me Doctor. You can. And I am willing to bear all expense involved of course. Don't let me go through life lonely and unhappy, in the midst of things foreign to me. Help me to find a pleasant mate. That is impossible for me here, but in New York there are so many of the very type that impresses me. Oh Doctor, I know this is a very strange request but I'm not mad - I'm sane. If you could know the loneliness and the hopelessness I face here, you'd help me. Must I go through life alone and hungry for the kind of companionship my make up demands, simply because I take life so seriously, because I am born a dreamer; I who love life so much! It isn't kind. It isn't just. You must help me. I'll do just ast you suggest. Please acknowledge my letter at once. Then give me your decision as soon as possible for naturally I'll want to buy some new clothes. I'm depending on you.

Very sincerely,

16-19-45

3/26/37

Wright City, Mo.
March, 1937.
Box 126.

Dr. DU Bois;

16-19-46

Is there no faith, no help, no trust even in high places? I do expect help nor even sympathy nor understanding from without, but when my own house fails me, what am I to look to? How should I feel? What shall I think? It is things like these that make many Negroes, especially young one, lose faith in our race and wish we were anything else, but what we are. And we preach against it, knowing (or not) that we ourselves are to blame. Anyway, you might have been kind and human enough to return my picture. It can mean nothing to you and it means the world to me.

It all reminds me again of a Negro opera I wrote. Many White people offered to finance it, some to buy, but all praised it. I presented it to my own, but my own received it not. They did not bother to even answer my letter — a common courtesy due everyone.

Will you put the picture in an envelope and and send it to me please? I want it so much

Thank you. Gloria Griffin Clinton

April 13, 1937

My dear Miss Clinton:

16-19-47

I have your letters of February 14 and March. I am returning the picture which you kindly sent. I did not answer your first letter because an answer was impossible. In the first place I had no social life in New York that would give me any chance to introduce you to young people and my apartment is too small for entertainment. Moreover, it does seem to me that your situation is not at all desperate. You have work and enough for support and a wide circle of acquaintances. That is more than 99 out of 100 people have in the world. I should try to make myself as contented as possible, remembering that none of us can be completely happy. One thing I did, however, in your case without revealing your name or showing your picture, simply saying that you were from Missouri, I read the letter to my class in sociology and asked them to answer it. I am sending their answers. I do not think they are very valuable but you may be interested in them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Gloria Griffin Clinton
Wright City, Missouri

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1/28/37

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Herskovits: SURINAME FOLKLORE

Under separate cover, we take pleasure in sending you a complimentary copy of this new book. We hope it will be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Donald Porter Geddes

Donald Porter Geddes
Sales Manager

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February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Geddes:

I want to thank you very much for a copy of "Suriname Folklore" by Herskovits which I greatly appreciate.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Donald Porter Geddes
Columbia University Press
Columbia University
New York City, New York

16-19

One-Sided Protest

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I have just read with astonishment the list of ninety-eight writers who signed a public protest against the cruelties practiced by the Spanish Insurgents. Some of these writers are people whose highly respected names should carry weight with the average fair-minded reader.

My astonishment is due to the fact that they do not even allude to atrocities committed by the other side. It is hardly possible that these ninety-eight are unaware that their public protest is equivalent to a verdict in a disputed case. Have they rendered that verdict without looking into the evidence presented by "the other side"? I should like to challenge these ninety-eight writers to sign a supplementary statement like the following:

"We have investigated the evidence presented to prove that the government forces in Spain have committed numerous and horrible atrocities, and we have found nothing against which it seems proper that we should protest."

JOSEPH M'SORLEY.

New York, March 1, 1937.

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Request for information

175 WEST SEVENTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK.

June 1st, 1937

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

We are a group of college women interested in fact-finding and fair play for all sides.

We request the privilege of adding your signature to the following protest. The fact that you recently took a public stand against atrocities committed by the insurgents encourages us to believe that you will protest with equal readiness against the atrocities committed by the other side.

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Trusting to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I have the honor to remain

Sincerely yours,

Winifred Byles

Secretary,
COMMITTEE OF PROTEST AGAINST
ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN SPAIN
BY EITHER SIDE DURING THIS
PRESENT CIVIL WAR

(tear off here)

Having recently protested against atrocities committed by the Spanish insurgents, I now with equal readiness protest against the atrocities committed by the Loyalists.

(Signature)_____

Please sign and return to
Miss Winifred Byles, Secretary
175 West 72nd Street
New York City

[Community Chest]

June 4, 1937

16-6-37

My dear Mr. Stuart:

Mr. Arnold W. Wright was a student in the Department of Sociology in Atlanta University and in my classes for two years. I regard him as a reliable and hard working student.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. J. E. Stuart
Assistant Executive Secretary
The Community Chest
312 West Ninth
Cincinnati, Ohio

CONLEY HIGH SCHOOL

C. T. HAZZARD, PRINCIPAL
MULLENS, WEST VIRGINIA

October 8, 1937

Request for information - 1937

Dear Sir:

We are attempting to give a course in American Negro Literature in our school this year. We think a course of this nature will do our girls and boys more good than the traditional courses offered in our schools. English and American Literature as taught in our schools is for white people.

Our first difficulty is finding a suitable textbook. We have not found one as yet and we do not know where to find one. We are attempting to use V.F. Calverton's " An Anthology of American Negro Literature."

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We hope this experiment will result in a good textbook and course in Negro Literature so that other high schools may offer a course of this kind to our future men and women . Of course we do not expect to develop a perfect course this year but we hope to see it grow better each year.

Now, I have tried to explain in a brief way just what we are attempting to do, I should like to have any suggestions you may offer to help us make this adventure a success.

Thanking you very kindly for your [redacted] immediate consideration I am ,

Yours truly.
C. Carl Hazzard
C.T. Hazzard, Prin.

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Forum Fact and Opinion
Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 15, 1937

16-13-50

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of October 9, I beg to say that the book you ought to use is Brawley, The Negro Genius published in 1937 by Dodd Mead and Company. Mr. Brawley is professor of English at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. C. T. Hazzard, Principal
Conley High School
Mullens, West Virginia

June 5, 1937

My dear Mr. Gothard:

While I was absent on my trip around the world you wrote me a letter asking for permission to reprint an article which appeared in "Current History" in June, 1935. I presume this answer is too late to suit your purposes, but if you still wish to print it, you have my consent providing you can also get the consent of "Current History".

15-12-57

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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June 21st, 1937

My Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I wish to thank you for your letter of recent date granting me permission to use your article which appeared in "Current History" and to inform you that similar permission has already been extended to me by the publishers of "Current History."

16-11-27

We hope to be able to place it in the hands of our printer at an early date, just how soon I am unable to say at this time.

I have been following your column in the PITTSBURGH COURIER every week with considerable interest, especially as it concerns Consumers' Cooperation. Two years of research on the subject has convinced me that it is the only way out for the Negro in America.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you personally some day and discussing our program with you.

Yours very truly,

Ralph O. Gothard
RALPH O. GOTHARD

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

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[Cooperation Bureau for Teachers]

February 4, 1937

My dear Miss Watson:

I have known Miss Alison Burroughs since she was a child and have a very high opinion of her intelligence and ability.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

15-15-25

Miss Mary Abell Watson
Cooperative Bureau for Teachers
1776 Broadway
New York City, New York

THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE
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167 WEST 12 STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 10, 1937

5/12/37

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-7

Dear Mr. DuBois :

We are very happy to have your inquiry and are mailing you under separate cover a copy of our magazine CONSUMERS' COOPERATION, on the back of which you will find an extended bibliography of pamphlets and books. We are compelled to sell these at list price but pay the postage when cash is received with the order.

The year 1936 demonstrated in the number of books on Consumers' Cooperation that this subject has now taken real hold of America. We would strongly urge your reading such books as those written by Dr. Warbasse, Bertram B. Fowler, Horace M. Kallen, Marquis W. Childs, and others.

Thus far the Cooperative Movement has not gotten at all an equal start in the South as it has in the northern states. We very much hope that your interest in the matter will lead to a greater development in that area, and we shall be glad to do everything we can to assist to that end.

Yours truly,

THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE

E. R. Bowen
General Secretary

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5/14/37

May 12, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-19-56

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In further reply to your letter of May 6, we are mailing you under separate cover complimentary copy of a pamphlet relative to the development of a cooperative in Gary, Indiana, which we are sure will greatly interest you. We are likewise attaching hereto a copy of a brief story of the development of the People's Cooperative Association in Milwaukee, which has not yet been published, but which is surely a dynamic illustration of what can be done when a group begin to save their pennies to provide the capital for a cooperative store in order to save additional pennies on their purchases.

Yours truly,

THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE

E R Bowen

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General Secretary

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My check in the amount of $18.46 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Cooperative League
167 West 12th Street
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November 1, 1937

Lectures 1937

16-8-10

My dear Miss Cowen:

I regret to say that on Monday, November 15, I have a class at eight o'clock and that the whole of this week I am very busy. I shall have to ask you, therefore, to excuse me. I am sorry.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Georgia Cowen
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

January 6, 1937

My dear Professor Cox:

In behalf of Dr. Du Bois permit me to thank you for your letter of December 24, which arrived during my absence from the city. The list of names that you were good enough to suggest is most helpful particularly in view of the fact that they are of persons in countries concerning which we had up to the present very little information.

It is very gratifying indeed to discover the spirit of cooperation manifested by American scholars in the field of Latin-American history with respect to this project.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Professor J. J. Cox
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

GEORGE W. CRAWFORD
COUNSELOR AT LAW
42 CHURCH STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

March 24, 1937

16-19-48

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear DuBois:

As part of the new program at Talladega College, the Trustees of that Institution have sponsored the publishing of a new vocational guidance manual which I was deputized to write, and which is just off the press.

I thought you might care to have a copy of the book, so I am sending you one under separate cover. Trusting you may find time in the near future to examine it,

Sincerely yours,

George W. Crawford

GWC:CG

P.S. I await with pleasure and some trepidation to be talked deaf, dumb and blind about your trip - on some occasion at an early date I hope

April 15, 1937

16-19-49

My dear Mr. Crawford:

Thank you very much for your Manual which I promise faithfully to read some of these days. It looks interesting and that is something. I know there is a great deal of envy on account of that trip of mine and if I get another crack out of you I shall refuse to mention it when I see you.

My best regards to the family.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George W. Crawford
42 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut

June 28, 1937

16-19-50

My dear Crawford:

I have had various designs for running up to New Haven and giving you information about the universe but so far they have come to naught. However, between August first and August fourteenth, I shall be in New York and Mrs. Du Bois and I went to come up and call for a few days or at least something under six months. Will you kindly let me know where you and your family are going to be at that time and something about the possibilities of your larder?

My best regards to yourself, wife, and Charlotte.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George W. Crawford
42 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut

GEORGE W. CRAWFORD
COUNSELOR AT LAW
42 CHURCH STREET
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July 14, 1947

My dear DuBois:

16-19-51

I have received your urgent invitation, dated June 28, to visit us. If you will persist in making us your reluctant hosts, I would suggest that some time the first week in August you come along, being sure to arrange a schedule whereby you arrive after breakfast, bring your lunch, and leave before dinner time. Of course, these observations do not apply to Mrs. DuBois.

Seriously, we would be glad to have you run up some time in the period mentioned. My own plans are so uncertain that it would be well for you to get in touch with us (preferably by telephone) when you arrive in New York.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours

George W. Crawford

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

GEORGE W. CRAWFORD
COUNSELOR AT LAW
42 CHURCH STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

August 30, 1937

16-19-52

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear DuBois:

We were very sorry you and Mrs. DuBois did not find it possible to run up here while you were in New York, as you contemplated.

Will you drop me a line telling me whether you know of any Negro artist besides Aaron Douglas whom you would consider equal to doing a mural painting up to high artistic standards? Now, what I have in mind is not someone who can do a fair job, with allowance to be made for racial or sentimental reasons, but who can turn out a really meritorious piece of art. I would appreciate it if this inquiry is treated confidential and if you would let me hear from you at once.

Cordially yours

George W. Crawford

GWC/hjm

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

16-12-53

My dear Crawford:

I really know very few mural painters. Of course Aaron Douglas is the most prominent. There was a William Scott who did some work in the West and then went into commercial designing. He studied abroad and seemed to be a man of some ability, but I have not heard of him for years. There is a young student from Atlanta who recently has done some work. I think he went to the Rhode Island School of Design. His name is Jennings, but you would have to inquire further before depending on these hints.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George W. Crawford
42 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut

January 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Cundall:

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of December twenty-ninth.

While Dr. Du Bois will regret your inability to prepare the list requested, he will be very grateful to you for your willingness to go over the list after it has been compiled.

Thank you also for suggesting the names of Reverend Father J. J. Williams and of Dr. Lowell J. Ragatz.

Will you please be good enough to have your publisher send me a prospectus about your "Lives of the Governors of Jamaica"? Are there available any of your bibliographical studies?

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

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Mr. Frank Cundall
The Institute of Jamaica
Kingston, Jamaica

[Cundall, Frank]

The Institute of Jamaica.

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

2nd February, 1937.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Cundall is very ill, so I am replying to your letter of the 12th January.

I fear it will be a long time before he will be able to be back to continue his historic work.

I have written to Sir Algernon Aspinall and asked him to cause a prospectus in connection with "The Governors of Jamaica in the Seventeenth Century" to be sent to you. The only available Bibliography is one of the West Indies, and I have to-day posted one to you.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Morris

Assistant Librarian.

Professor Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

March 10, 1937

My dear Mrs. Curtis:

Will you kindly send me the address of your protege, Nya Bongo? Bongo
I understand he is studying at Oxford.

I trust this will find you in good health as it leaves me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-12-32

Mrs. Helen Curtis
c/o Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City, New York

554 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, New York
March 16, 1937

16-12-36

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois

I received a letter from Nyabongo January 1, 1937 and he was still at the University:

Akiki K. Nyabongo
The Queen's College
Oxford, England.
Taberdar's Room

Hoping that you are well.

Sincerely,
Helen Eustis

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

My dear Mabel:

I am still rejoicing with you over the twins and expressing continued astonishment to all of your friends. Thanks for your hospitality but oh, oh, where are my cane and umbrella? They have arrived no where yet. I will not mention the overshoes. But please keep on the trail of the cane and umbrella.

My best regards to your husband and Dr. Curtis.

You will note that I have arrived in Atlanta at last.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Mabel Byrd Curtis
932 North Newstead Avenue
Saint Louis
Missouri

[Mabel Byrd Curtis]

Social Memo - 1937

February 10

16-18-01

Dear Dr. DuBois.

Your cards I received the day of your departure - Sat. Robert I thought swallowed a safety pin, & I forthwith called the doctor, the ambulance the police & the fire department! The next day Thomas cut his hand on his grandfather's razor - etc etc etc.

Then I was sure you had left Chicago - I not knowing where to send them waited word from you. Both the Nazis & the Anti - want you to retract! So what!

I hope all things are well with you - when you have an hour I should appreciate a letter & don't forget Thomas' & Robert's picture of you.

People enjoyed you immensely and I understand that I, Mabel Byrd, have become important, because you visited with us. Become again; I might even become an eminent St. Louisan!

My kindest regards to all your family, and best wishes to you

as ever

An admiring friend

Mabel Byrd Curtis.

2/16/37.

This seems to be in the nature of a diary but it is only indicative of the pressure I am under. Lizzie sent the canes by registered mail last week.

Sincerely

Mabel

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16-18-50

February 23, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University

Dear Doc.:

Your letter from Japan, after much traveling and delay caused by the flood, finally reached me. After reading same several times I have come to the conclusion that you did not send it from love or friendly loyalty, but for the purpose of arousing envy, and making me more dissatisfied with the monotony of my daily existence. However, philosophy has come to my aid and I am happy in realizing that the many pleasures you have enjoyed are still awaiting me. I have followed, with great pleasure, your triumphal journey through this country since your return and eagerly await the joy of hearing you relate the many sidelights that cannot stand the limelight. I am ~~worrying~~ wooing dame fortune most assiduously in the hope that financial improvement will permit me to wander to your fair city for a few days should circumstances not send you this way. It has been a long time since I saw "The Dear Child." Age has given me indiscretion that I did not have in youth, so you can see that the ~~part~~ law of compensation covers much ground.

Due to the campaign I was fortunate in having been made Director of Research for the Grand Old Party, and in consequence spent three days a week in Chicago for three months.

Landon's loss seems to have been my gain financially at least. Kindly advise when I can be of value.

With best wishes, yours to command,

Dabney Wot

Nov. 25 '35. "Most Reverend Grave & Potent Seignor, my most noble & approved good master", the Stenog who wrote the above is in love. You can judge that by the number of errors. For two days I have awaited her return in order to have her copy recur. The date - evidently still holds her enthralled so I am sending it as she left it. Have just returned from Washington.

16-18-51

Dear Doc —

Knowing your interest in the Univ. of Atlanta I thought that possibly you might be interested in knowing that The Baptists are said to be Boss.

Enclosed article speaks for itself.

Sincerely,

Hartzell Mabry

3/11/37

March 13, 1937

16-18-52

My dear Dabney:

I knew of the Martin statement sometime ago. It went to the Board of Trustees and caused considerable excitement.

I hope this will find you well.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. P. Dabney
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238 East Fourth Street
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November 17, 1937

My dear Dabney:

16-9-5

Enclosed is my lectu e list for this year. Is Paige still in Cincinnati or is there any other two fisted pastor who would like to make a mint of money by sponsoring one of my lectures. My open dates are February 16, 17, 18 with a possibility of February 11 or 21. Any advice will be welcomed.

How are you and what is the world doing to you? I am in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. W. P. Dabney
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Cincinnati, Ohio

WENDELL P. DABNEY
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238 E. Fourth St.

November 20, 1937

Dr.
~~Hon.~~ W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

"Most reverend, grave and potent Seignor:
My most noble and approved good master!"

16-9-6

Yours came yesterday morning and it revived very many pleasant memories of the past. The Pittsburgh Courier does not honor me with place on its exchange list, probably because of the smallness in size of my journalistic child. Hence, I occasionally hear of, but do not see your literary effusions in that publication. However, I am sending you a copy of the United States News which shows that in their judgment the UNION has some rank for it was included with the three big publications--Chicago Defender, Afro-American, and Pittsburgh Courier. But "sufficient to the day is the evil thereof" 1

Let us turn our attention to a matter far more serious and that is in reference to the inquiry you made. I shall, within the next few days, get in personal touch with a few of our "shepherds" and will then advise you as to the results, which I hope will be encouraging. Personally, I am so jammed up with business and responsibilities as to have absolutely no time for indulgence in the pleasures of promotion.

Relative to my health, glance over the two copies of my paper, which I am forwarding, and use your judgment. Of course I am "a little disfigured, but, still in the ring."

Yours hastily,

W. P. Dabney

WPD:m

P.S. Will see Wilkins Page D.D.? of Union Baptist & Rev Tompkins D.D.? of Allen Temple. No use seeing D. Copley his church does too much — you're included, already.

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November 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-9-7

Dear Doctor:

Rev. Arthur A. Williams, 3025 Walter St., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O., will be glad to have your terms for a lecture at his church, Mt. Zion M. E., located on Walnut Hills just a few blocks from the hotel you last honored with your presence.

Dr. Williams has proved himself a very "live wire" and very reliable since his arrival in our midst.

Hastily and with best wishes,

Wendell J. Dabney

WPD:m

December 2, 1937

16-18-49

My dear Dabney:

Thank you very much for the line on Reverend Mr. Williams. I am writing him today.

I am hoping this will find you hale and hearty.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. W. P. Dabney
238 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

October

Twenty - Six

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Request to read manuscript

Dr. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-6-12

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

After reading your article in the newspaper I wish to state that I found it very interesting and enlightening.

I am herewith enclosing material, written by me, which I would like for you to read and make comments.

Hoping to hear from you, with comments, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

H. D. Darden

H. D. Darden,
1616-4th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

November 1, 1937

10-6-13

My dear Sir:

I appreciate very much your kind words concerning the Courier. If you will permit me to say so, the difficulty of this article is that you are reasoning it out without a very wide basis of reading, and you have based it too much upon out-dated Biblical assumptions. On the other hand, of course, there is much in it that is commendable.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. D. Darden
1616 Fourth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Manuscript returned 11/1/37

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

16-18-46

My dear Mr. Davis:

I was so glad to get a glimpse of you and it was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Davis ailing. She is always so aggressively well. I know that by this time she is all right again. It was nice to meet the friends.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Attorney Harry E. Davis
202-206 Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

March 10, 1937

16-5-22

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have been wanting to write you sometime with regard to the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro but my long absence in Europe and Asia interferred. As of course you know the Encyclopaedia is only a project but it is an idea that recurs continually to thinking Negroes. As far back as 1911, I planned an "Encyclopaedia Africana", and had on my advisory board among others: Sir Harry Johnston, Flinders Petrie, William James, and most of the Negroes who had received higher degrees from reputable universities at that time. Lack of finance and World War brought these plans to naught.

I know of no other scheme of the sort until the Phelps-Stokes Fund announced their project. I was not invited to the first meeting but afterwards an unanimous invitation was extended to both Mr. Woodson and myself, and I hastened to cooperate. We had no sooner begun our work than, as you know, Mr. Woodson announced that he had had plans for an Encyclopaedia Africana since 1921; but no one, not even Dr. Hope who was president of his organization, had known of it. We made every effort to have Mr. Woodson cooperate with us and we are continuing these efforts but I fear for their success.

Nevertheless, we feel it our duty to go ahead and try to secure adequate support from the foundations. We have been doing preliminary work herein Atlanta for a year. Dr. Park of Chicago and Fisk and Dr. Logan have been working with me. You will see from the enclosed circular that we have gotten a large degree of sympathy and cooperation. During my trip around the world I consulted scientists and especially anthropologists in many

countries. I had dinner and a long talk with Malinowski and he has promised to help in every way possible. I talked with him about the younger anthropologists in the United States and mentioned your name. Also I consulted with De Cleene in Belgium, Westermann and von Eickstedt in Germany, Woefel in Austria, Homburgher and others in Paris.

I have talked at length with Alvin Johnson of the Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences, and our plan is as soon as we are assured of financial support to have a large advisory committee but to do the real work with a small group of young men of the highest ability and the most careful scientific training. These will be both white and colored but naturally I want so far as possible to have the larger part of the work done by colored scholars. These co-workers I shall expect to pay an adequate salary for the four or more years of work.

I am writing to enlist your cooperation and aid, and to ask if there would be a possibility of securing your services. I can, of course, make no definite offer now and if we get funds the final decision will be in the hands of the Board of Directors; but the nominating and recommending of co-workers will naturally be largely in my hands.

I should be very glad to have you tell me frankly at your leisure the possibility of your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. Alison Davis
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Harry E. Davis
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
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MAIN 1320

April 22, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-18-47

Dear Dr. DuBois:

In a recent address given at a Horace Mann Centennial meeting, I made the assertion that the Horace Mann idea had been followed by Reconstruction governments in the South by the establishment of a tax supported school system. Further, I stated that the real accomplishments of the Reconstruction governments had been emasculated by charges of fraud, corruption, extravagance and maladministration during that period. I urged as a matter of comparison that there had been more waste and thievery in New York under the Tweed regime than in the whole South during reconstruction.

This last statement has caused some comment. I believe it is substantially true, but am wondering if it can be supported by any statistical comparisons. I realize that "statistics" on graft are apt to be nebulous and unreliable, but I am wondering if you have any figures or ideas on the question.

One commentator suggested that such a comparative study would make an excellent Master's thesis.

I shall appreciate it if you can enable me to verify my statement.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Davis

HED/ew

BR 541, 614-8

April 26, 1937

16-18-48

My dear Mr. Davis:

Dr. Du Bois was just starting on a lecture trip when your letter came in Saturday morning. He asked me to say to you that he believes your thesis that there was more theft in New York under Tweed than in the whole South during Reconstruction is true. You will find some figures in his "Black Reconstruction" pages 581 and 614-618. He agrees with you that this would make a good Master's thesis and hopes to hand it to some one soon.

He sends best regards to you and Mrs. Davis.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Harry E. Davis
202-206 Engineers Building
Cleveland, Ohio

(DAVIS COMMITTEE)

1034 Bridge Avenue
Charleston, West Virginia
January 18, 1937

1/21/37

Dr W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr DuBois

16-16-5

The friends of Dr John W Davis, President of West Virginia State College, in appreciation of the splendid work he has done in West Virginia and the country, are giving a birthday dinner in his honor on February 13th. A number of people are sending to the Committee letters that will be bound in a volume and presented to Dr Davis on this occasion.

We feel that you would like to have a letter extending your felicitations to Dr Davis included, and we are therefore asking that you write such a letter, addressed to him, but mailed to the undersigned. This letter should reach me by February 8, 1937, so as to give time for binding, etc.

Very truly yours

W. W. Sanders

W W SANDERS
Committee Chairman

[DAVIS COMMITTEE]

January 21, 1937

My dear Mr. Sanders:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January eighteenth. It will be brought to his attention when he returns to his desk in Atlanta the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. W. W. Sanders
1034 Bridge Avenue
Charleston, West Virginia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Enc. Afr. Negro

June 28, 1937

Dear Professor De Cleene:

May I venture to make two requests of you: first, what libraries in Belgium have the best collections of books and material concerning the Negro race, and what collections do you know of outside of ~~Belgium~~, France, Germany, and England or in other words do you know of any good collections of Africana in Spain, Italy, and Austria? Secondly, you kindly promised that you would send me a list of persons in Belgium and other parts of Europe known to you who are specialists and reliable students of Africa and the Negro race. I should be very glad if at your leisure you could furnish such lists.

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I may say that our preliminary work on the Encyclopaedia is proceeding. We have up-to-date responses offering cooperation from scholars in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, South Africa, and of course from all over America. I am enclosing a list of them. We are progressing in our efforts to obtain sufficient funds to finance the project.

I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor Natal De Cleene
Nieuwkerken (Waes)
Belgium

(over)

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- Hoernle, R. F. Alfred
- Huss, Bernard
- Hunter, Monica

Natal De Cleene

NIEUKERKEN (WAES), 24/~~VII~~/37

16-2-42

Mon cher et très honoré collègue,

En réponse à votre lettre du 28 Juin, je m'empresse de Vous faire savoir qu'en Belgique, la librairie qui s'est spécialisée en matières coloniales belges et parlant en Africanistique est:

la librairie Falk fils,
Georges van Campenhout, Successeur.
22, rue des Paroissiens – Bruxelles.

Je puis Vous signaler pour la Hollande,
la librairie Martinus Nijhoff
's Gravenhage.

Encore faut-il remarquer, que tout naturellement, ce sont les Indes Néerlandaises, qui se trouvent ici à l'avant-plan.

Pour ce qui regarde l'Autriche, je suppose qu'Anthropos à Vienne, pourra Vous donner tous les renseignements que Vous puissiez désirer.

Quant à l'Italie et à l'Espagne, je regrette beaucoup ne pas pouvoir Vous rendre service. –

Il reste le second point, la liste des collaborateurs éventuels en Belgique. Je dois Vous avouer en toute sincérité que je n'ai pas encore eu l'occasion de m'en occuper effectivement. J'ai eu tant de travaux pendant cette année académique, tant de besogne à mener parallèlement à ces travaux, que réellement il m'a été impossible de faire les recherches demandées. Je me propose de m'en occuper maintenant activement pendant les vacances, de même des listes de sujets que j'ai déjà parcourues une première fois.

J'espère, mon cher Confrère, pouvoir Vous donner sous peu de plus amples nouvelles et Vous prie de croire à mes sentiments les meilleurs

N. De Cleene

[Delta Phi Delta
[c. March ?, 1937]

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16-6-16

Delta Phi Delta

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Founded at Morehouse, 1937

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Sociology Department
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Due to the fact that there existed no journalistic organization for Negro young men and women in America; and feeling that an organization of that sort would play a great hand in stimulating an interest in the science and art of journalism, Delta Phi Delta, a National Inter-Collegiate Honorary Organization was founded here at Morehouse College.

The object of Delta Phi Delta will be found in the copy of the constitution and By-laws, of which, we are sending to you under separate cover.

The organization plans to publish the Delphid official organ os the Delta Phi Delta. The Delphid will serve as a literary publication presenting the thoughts of the present Negro college student. In other words, the Delphid will be the voice of the American Negro Student opinion. Aside from that avenue whereby the student thought may be moulded and appreciated, the Delphid will, without doubt, give the contributing students practice in the art of journalistic writings. It is hoped, as Dr. James Weldon Johnson has so ably said, that the Delphid will be the written record in which the coming generation will be able to look back for an authentic account of Negro thought and achievement of this century.

Our problem now, Dr. DuBois, is the financing of our first issue of the Delphid. We are desirous of distributing one thousand copies to all the colleges in America. The contents of the first issue will

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be composed of articles presenting student opinion on the political, economical, and racial situations of this day; and a written thesis on the ideals and principles of Delta Phi Delta.

Dr. DuBois, what we want and need so badly, is for you to make a gift to us of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00), in order that we may finance this worthwhile project. In recognition of this great piece of philanthropy, we will dedicate the first issue to you or anything you suggest. As to the solidness of the investment, with the permission of Dr. James Weldon Johnson, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, I refer you to him.

We should appreciate a letter from you giving your views on the matter. Should you decide favorably, kindly make your check payable to the Delta Phi Delta Journalistic Organization.

Yours very sincerely,

Bernard Milton Jones

Bernard Milton Jones
Founder of Delta Phi Delta

BMJ:EZW

EXCERPT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF DELTA PHI DELTA:

OBJECT: The object of Delta Phi Delta is fourfold:

(1) To stimulate among Negro college men and women an interest in the science and art of journalism, and confer honor upon such students as have distinguished themselves by their meritorious services on the various college publications.

(2) To unite in bonds of good fellowship college-trained Negro men and women either engaged in collegiate journalism or proposing to engage in the profession of journalism.

(3) To confer honor upon those who have distinguished themselves in the craft of writing.

(4) To appraise the works of Negro Novelists, Journalists, Essayists, and Poets, and bespeak the value of their contributions to America.

[Delta Phi Delta]

DELTA PHI DELTA

INTER-COLLEGIATE

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Atlanta, Georgia

1937

DELTA PHI DELTA IN BRIEF

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Founders

Bernard Milton Jones, V. Trenton Tubbs, Jr., Moss Hyles Kendrix. All students of Morehouse College.

First Annual Meeting

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, April 29-30, 1938. Guest of Alpha Chapter of Delta Phi Delta.

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Gamma Chapter - Johnson C. Smith

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The Delphid, official organ of Delta Phi Delta, is designed to be a literary publication. Aside from being an avenue whereby students will get an opportunity to do practice journalistic writings, the book will serve as a means of moulding America Negro student thought. This book will present the opinion of the Negro students on various current issues. In other words, the Delphid will be the voice of American Negro Student Opinion.

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Chapters may be established on the campuses where there exists a student publication. Any student who is at present serving on the campus publication, and those students who are interested in the field of journalism are eligible to membership in Delta Phi Delta.

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FOR INFORMATION WRITE

Bernard Milton Jones, Secretary-Treasurer,
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia

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[Delta Phi Delta]

16-6-18

March 30, 1938

My dear Sir:

I have your letter without date. I beg to say that I am not able to contribute to your project and even if I were I am afraid that I should hesitate at even appearing to buy publicity.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Bernard Milton Jones
Delta Phi Delta
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April 30, 1937

Invitation to be commencement speaker

16-19-31

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Wish very cordially to invite you deliver Dillard Commencement Address Wednesday afternoon June second five o'clock shall be pleased to offer you modest honorarian of fifty dollars and provide expenses of travel and entertainment regret very much that preparations incident to inauguration activities have delayed my sending this invitation shall be glad if you will wire at our expense.

William Stuart Nelson Dillard University

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 4, 1937

5/6/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Georgia

16-7-7

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am very happy in your acceptance of our invitation to deliver the Commencement address at Dillard University on Wednesday afternoon, June 2, at five o'clock. We shall look forward very eagerly to your coming.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume that you will bring your academic costume; we shall be pleased, of course, to make provision for you in the event you desire.

Mrs. Nelson and I shall be pleased to have you as a guest in our home during your visit at Dillard and I shall be glad to know at your convenience the time of your expected arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Stuart Nelson

Wm. Stuart Nelson
President

May 27, 1937

My dear President Nelson:

I am leaving here June first. I shall spend the night in Mobile and drive to New Orleans Wednesday morning. I shall be accompanied by Miss Diggs, the clerk in the Department of Sociology, and we should be glad if you could arrange a stopping place for her.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President William Stuart Nelson
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

[1937]

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS

32-19-17

Second Annual Commencement

Wednesday afternoon, June second

Nineteen hundred thirty-seven

Five o'clock

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional ..... The Heavens Resound ..... *Beethoven*

Invocation ..... The Reverend O. E. Kriege, D. D.

Music ..... "Great and Marvellous" ..... *Gaul*

Address ..... W. E. Burghardt DuBois, Ph. D.
Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University

Music ..... We Are Climbing ..... *Spiritual*

Presentation of Candidates
for Baccalaureate Degrees ..... Horace Mann Bond, Ph. D.
Dean of the College

Conferring of Degrees ..... Wm. Stuart Nelson, LL. D.
President of the University

Music ..... Spring Song ..... *Pinsuiti*

Benediction ..... Dr. Kriege

Recessional ..... Holy Art Thou ..... *Handel*

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Cum Laude
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EDRAN LOUIS AUGUSTER
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May 5th, 1937

Request for photograph

Dr. Wm. E. B. DuBois,
Dunbar Apartments,
2588 Seventh Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

16-6-30

My dear Dr. DuBois:

As teacher-librarian of Frederick Douglass Junior High School, I wish to decorate our school library in a manner that will not only be individual but also informative and inspirational to our student body, 99% of whom are Negroes.

To this end I should like to use photographs of notable Negroes who are contributing to some field of the cultural activity of our times.

Will you be kind enough to send us an autographed photograph to add to our collection? We shall be grateful for the favor and I am sure you will feel a sense of gratification in doing something for the spiritual development of our boys.

Please send the photograph to me at the school address,or at my home if you send it after June 30th. My home address is 634 St.Nicholas Avenue.

Yours very truly,

Pearl M. Fisher

Pearl M. Fisher

PMF;PW

[Douglass Junior High School]

May 31, 1937

16-6-31

My dear Miss Fisher:

In accordance with your request of May fifth I have ordered my photographer, Mr. Scurlock of Washington, to send you a photograph.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Pearl M. Fisher
Frederick Douglass Junior High School
140 West 140th Street
New York City

[Douglass Junior High School]

Requests for Photographs

6-6-32

634 St. Nicholas Ave.
New York N.Y.
June 21, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

We have received from Mr Scurlock, the photographs which you so graciously sent, in response to our request.

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Yours very truly,

Ira A. M. Dishes

[1937]

16 MULBERRY WALK,
LONDON, S. W. 3.

AUGUST 1.

Letter of introduction

16-13-31

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Lord Olivier has given me a letter of introduction to you which I enclose though we have exchanged letters before. I have been hoping for some time to visit America to meet Negro personalities and to get the feel of Negro life, as I have a commission to do a book which will give an intimate picture of coloured life and thought, but so far I have not been able to get any support for the project. I am particularly anxious to extend closer cultural contacts between coloured folk, a subject in which you are also so much interested. It is discussed briefly in HALF-CASTE, which I am very much hoping you will notice somewhere: a copy was sent to the CRISIS. If you have not had a copy I would be happy to send you one, and would be grateful for anything of yours that you care to send me as I am trying to get together a 'Negroana' library to facilitate my work and that of my friends. We are very deficient in England in this respect.

With Best Wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Cedric Dover.

[Enclosure]

TEL. 1346.

WYCHWOOD,
SELSEY AVENUE,
BOGNOR REGIS.

26th June, 1937.

16-13-32

Dear Dr. Dubois,

Mr. Cedric Dover, the author of a very ably written book, of which I enclose an advertisement, is intending to visit the United States shortly. I should like to introduce him to you, and ask you to do your best to help him to study in America the questions in which he is interested.

Yours sincerely,

Enc.

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

16-13-33

My dear Mr. Dover:

I have just received your kind letter of August 1. I know of you by reputation, and have received a copy of "Half Caste" which I am going to read. I should be very glad indeed to meet you when you come to the United States. My residence is in New York but about seven months in the year I am absent at Atlanta University where I am a teacher. If you can come to the University I should be very glad to have you as my guest. I hope this will not be too late in reaching you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Cedric Dover
16 Mulberry Walk
London, S. W. 3
London, England

[1937]

c/o Mrs. Weld,
263 Fairmount Street,
Lowell, Mass.

~~Cunard White Star~~
"Ascania"

Dec. 1.

Social News 1938

12-8-41

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter of Sept. 7. I shall be in New York towards the end of next week and look forward to meeting you there or later at Atlanta.

Very sincerely yours,

Cedric Dover.

[1937]

44 STREET HOTEL
120 West 44 Street
NEW YORK

Dec. 21

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I wrote to you at your N. Y. address some three weeks ago, but so far I have had no reply. I shall be here till the 25th., at Howard from about the 28th to the 2nd., and at Fisk from then till the middle of the month. I do hope that I shall have the opportunity of meeting you either here or at Atlanta.

With Sincere Good Wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Cedric Dover

12-18-42

Sent to:

John Dube
Z. I. Matthews
D. D. T. Jabavu
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W. G. Ballinger
Professor Goodwin

16-5-34

Enc. of the Negro

April 16, 1937

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing two leaflets concerning the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro which was initiated by the Phelps-Stokes Fund and is under the control of a board of directors whose names appear on this sheet. Among the other scholars who have lately given their promise of cooperation are: Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Labouret of Paris, Professor Woelfel of the University of Vienna, Professor Homburger of Paris, Professor Leo Frobenius of Frankfort.

The financial support of this project is not yet assured but seems probable. I am writing to ask for your sympathy and cooperation, and if we have that I should hope later to take up with you the matter of your collaboration in some of the articles in the Encyclopaedia.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. John Dube
Ohlange Institue
Phoenix, Natal
South Africa

210 West 150th Street
New York, N.Y.
January 11th 1936.

Dear Will:

Your letter from Los Angeles
came today. We were glad to hear
from you & to know you are well.
There is so much illness this way.
Flu and pneumania. Mrs. Alexander
is doing nicely. She did not have a
severe attack of pneumania this
time. Several people are inquiring
for you as they hear of your lecture
at the Y.W.C.A. on the 22nd of Jan.

Du Bois and I received all of your
letters and cards from Japan and enjoyed.

15-23-51

P. S. Please remember me to
Mildred.

N.

the messages they brought.

Mr. Hikida has written asking to know when you will reach New York.

The Bruces are no longer with the Dunbar housing project. After Mr. Rockefeller bought the houses the management was changed. Mr. Bruce was given three months pay + given <u>one days</u> notice to quit.

Your bag from Germany has not arrived as yet.

We are well. Yolande was well when I heard a few days ago.

With love.

Nina.

210 West 150th Street [1937]
New York, N.Y.
Jan. 5 — 1936

15-26-28

Dear Miss Diggs:

Enclosed are the bank vouchers for Nov. & Dec. How is your money for petty cash holding out? You have likely heard from Dr. Du Bois that he has reached America & will finally come on East.

Du Bois and I thank you for the lovely Christmas greetings. We had a very good Christmas but of course missed Dr. Du Bois

I hope your trip home for the Christmas season was

satisfactary. There has been and still is so much sickness here in New York, Especially in Harlem.

With all best wishes

Sincerely.

Nina G. Du Bois.

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Form 2

Night Letter

February 1, 1937

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City - Apartment 3-A
New York

I hope you will go to Baltimore this week just as soon as possible. Will pay all expenses including parlor car stop let me hear from you as soon as you have made the visit stop arrived here safely. Love to you and Du Bois.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Charge to Walnut 4953

16-16-58

February 2, 1937

16-16-59

My dear Nina,

You know by my telegram that I got here safely and found everything in order.

Enclosed is your back book which I brought away by mistake and also my salary check. Endorse it and deposit it. I hope that by the time you have this you will have been to Baltimore and looked at the house. Remember that the decision is to be wholly yours. If you like the house and are willing to make the change I will be glad to buy it.

I hope the baby has gotten over her cold. Mine is still hanging on but I shall be rid of it one of these days.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

210 West 150 Street
New York, N.Y.
Feb. 3rd 1937

16-14-31

Dear Will:

Your night letter came yesterday. The baby & I will go down to Baltimore Saturday & back the following Tuesday. The cold is better & Du Bois went to school to-day. She told me that "Now that I had kept her home from school two days she would not receive any regular prize for attendance.

It is very cold here just now.

I think you took my bank book by mistake.

Shall I pay all house bills & the Wanamaker bill? that is make out the checks,

The baby is already asking when you are coming back. It is good to think you are nearer home if not really here.

We send our love.

Nina.

February 5, 1937

My dear Nina,

Enclosed are four checks. Three are for deposit - $102.75 from McClurg and Company, $66.66 from the N. A. A. C. P., and $7.04 from W. A. Shields, also a check for $50.00 for you. This is for the following purposes:

a. to reimburse you for extra expenditures last summer which put you behind in your regular accounts

b. to pay for your trip to Baltimore and back including parlor car seats, and

c. if there is any balance put it to your thrift account.

Yours with love,

W. E. B. Du Bois

10-16-60

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

210 West 150-Street
New York. N.Y.
Feb. 10-1937

16-14-43

Dear Will:

Du Bois and I returned yesterday afternoon from Baltimore. I looked at the house that had been done over. I did not think it a well constructed house. Yolande had gotten Mr. Rich the man who owns the house where Yolande lives to look at it He felt the same way about it that I did besides he said the basement was damp, why it was dam he could not discover. Since you were there Yolande learned of a house on Madison avenue at the end of the car line (not opposite the car sheds which is a draw back) It is near a park & has a front poarch. It has 9 rooms It is one of a row of houses with poarches. Its price is $5,500 & it would need a thousand dollars in repairs The ground rent is $90. a year, the grounde can be bought for $1,500 making $8,000 which I feel is too much opposite car sheds. Mrs. Cook called the evening before I left and spoke of one or two places that may ~~be~~ be available later. Then a real estate agent called up & said he had a

house he was remodling which would be ready in about three weeks. I think it had 7 or 9 rooms and the price would be about $5,000.

16-4-41

I did not go to see it. Yolande and I had had a very disagreable time and as I had planned from the first to return to New York on Tuesday it just came on. I will write further or wait until you come up. There isn't any hurry about these last mentioned houses, the first ~~people are~~ have people living in them and would have to move if we took them.

I found your letter containing the checks when I returned and have deposited them. I thank you for the check for $50. I will write again & tell you of my expenses to Baltimore & my back house expenses.

Du Bois attended her first class in Folk Dancing and Interperative Rhythms to day.

We send you our love.

Du Bois & Nina

210 West 150 – Street
New York, N.Y.
Feb. 12th 1937

Dear Will:

I have been thinking day & night about our change of living. I went to Baltimore thinking I would not mind so much living there. However, visiting Baltimore and then seeing it with the idea of living there makes one see many sides that did not come so much to the fore on other visits. Then too there are things we must talk over. At present I do not see how I can manage it. I have been very worried since I was there. I do not want to be obstinate or to keep you paying rent here in New York but the move to Baltimore would benefit no one but Yolande and she and I seem to have such different ideas. Also it seems to me it would mean taking from the baby all the things we have been trying to give her.

Have you thought any more of Washington as a place? That would give Du Bois a better chance & if you do the work on the encyclopedia it would be a reason for locating there. Personally I would not mind Atlanta but there are the summers

16-41-12

and the baby. I am sorry to worry you with this. Du Bois is well except her cold still lingers. She is asleep so I will send her love with mine.

Yours.
Nina.

Nina G. Du Bois

16-16-61

February 15, 1937

My dear Nina,

I am glad that you went to Baltimore and hope you feel no worse for the trip. It is, of course, not at all singular that you did not find what you wanted at the first trip, but of course you must go again and I hope you will plan for it. I should think perhaps late in March or early in April. If possible I will try to come too but I can not promise this. Keep the expenses for the Baltimore trip separate from your household expenses and charge them to me. Be sure and take parlor cars coming and going, both for your comfort and the baby's enjoyment. I want you to take your own time in coming to a decision and get something you will like. If this is possible it will greatly simplify our living. I am convinced that it is very unwise to keep Du Bois in Harlem another year, both on account of the noise, dirt, and danger, and also because Yolande ought to share the responsibility of her training. One the other hand, unless you are with Yolande to help her and guide her in this responsibility, I know she will find it impossible to get really reliable help.

I am enclosing a check for $50.00 for deposit, also another check for $500.00 in order that you may transfer some of my balance to the Thrift Department.

I have not told you that I have a new car, a Buick, and it is all paid for and insured. It is a very beautiful, easy riding car and I know you will enjoy it.

I have at last just about got rid of that annoying cold and feel quite all right.

My love to you and Du Bois.

Very sincerely yours,

210 West 150 – Street
New York. N.Y.
Feb. 17 – 1937

10-14-91

Dear Will:

I have your two letters, the registered one with the checks. The Pittsburgh Courier one I deposited & the one for five hundred dollars I deposited to your thrift account. The amount is now $1,865.97.

Now as to the move to Baltimore. All you said in your last letter is quite true & to the point and I must and will try again to start over with Yolande. She must though try to help us. I really felt quite alarmed as I really saw the situation she has allowed her self to drift into there in her living. The boy she has taken up with is there at her apartment entirely too much

surprised if she thought back a bit to find that her last marriage cost you & her together at least ten thousand dollars to say nothing of four or five years worry.

We also quarreled over the way she has and wants to keep the place so you can't use it. If we are to have a home it must be so the baby can have some comfort in it. When you buy you should have the property in your name. It can then be transfered to the baby when you want to. She would not be as apt to loose it as Yolande.

There is to be a house for sale which was the home of a doctor there. The doctor died & his widow is moving away. I don't know what it is like as a house. I will write Yolande to look into it. Also another house which Yolande can look at. I think Mr. Rich the man in whose house Yolande lives would be a

It can only dissolaje into another affair like her last marriage, He is ten or twelve years younger than she and their isn't any thing to him and I don't think ever will be, She may make it dipficult for her to keep her position as teacher there & also there is always the danger of a court scandle & the child. Of course she tells me she has a right to live her own life but see what she does to others. The woman in whose house she is living came up to me when she knew Yolande was at school & told me. Oh Mrs Du Bois she says why don't you stop your daughter from these things. I of course was not surprised to find things like they are because this boy has been coming here to our home nearly every time Yolande comes home. I should like to see Yolande leave Baltimore but I don't know where she could work. Then too she must straighten out things her self. She would doubtless be

[4] good person to help Yolande in judging the houses & locations and after they locate some places & perhaps could run down and look them over. You know those trips run into money the trip we took cost $27.15 not including our board.

The $50. for the Wanamaker bill and for clothes is all right except as a coat or something like a bed mattress has to be had. I've got to have a new mattress for my bed this coming summer and the baby has got to have a new bed & mattress. They will run to $65. or $75. When we move we will have to buy a kitchen range. any where from $28. to $40.

Du Bois still has some of her cold but she seems in good spirits & does so enjoy her classes in dancing. Mrs. Hope called two days ago. We send you love.

Nina.

The week I went to Baltimore I drew a check for $40. Fifteen of it was my weeks money. The trip was $27.15 + $5. I spent for food in Baltimore. The $50. check you sent I cashed on the following week end & shall use it for house hold & to catch up in the back house hold expenses. Then I want to give $5. to the Bahai assembly as I have not given them a cent for over two years.

16-4-41

$27.15 for trip
$15.00 " one weeks back household
5. " Bahai assembly

47.15

$ 3. for Vi. thrift account.

I am glad you have your car you would be lost without one.

Nina

210 West 150th Street
New York, N.Y.
Feb. 25th 1937.

16-16-63

Dear Will:

Your registered letter came this morning. I think your suggestion to wait a while to move a good one. Yolande is going to be pretty angry at first and it will take some time for her to change to our way of thinking. My presence in Baltimore would not make any differance. She would not heed me I know her so well. She has put me in some very embarrassing positions at times.

She should some how get rid of this boy. He can only help to spoil her life. They already quarrel until they let every one in the house know of it. When Yolande came home Thanksgiving

The baby still has some of the cold she was getting just as you left. I have kept her home from school this week to try to get rid of it but it hangs on.

Carrie Band Day called for a few minutes the other day. She has been offered the position of head of the Y.W.C.A. work in Washington & was on here to see about it. She looks fairly well after her long illness.

The Bells called Sunday.

Du Bois & I send our love

Nina

S.P. Du Bois received & enjoys her Mickey Mouse post cards.

N.

She did not get here until about eleven oclock in the day. After she removed her wraps I noticed a place on her chest and I said, What has happened to you there? Oh she says you know I am always breaking out, but as I went near her I saw it was a bruise, So I said no more. The woman told me he tried to stop Yolande from coming home & the woman interfeared & said of course she was coming.

To day I went to the Dunbar Office & talked to Mr. Colman relative to the lease He says to write to him just what you would like and he thinks he can get it for you. He says that as a rule they make the lease for one year but he thinks he could get it for eight months. I will write again soon & tell you about the bills I've paid.

210 West 150-St.,
New York, N.Y.
March 2-1937

16-14-39

Dear Will:

I sent you to day the bank vouchers for Feb. You will see from them the checks I have drawn, the bills I have paid. Yolande pays the babies school tuition, three dollars a week, you & I pay for the dancing lessons & transportation which is $6.75 for four weeks. You will note that I have not drawn the weekly house hold check of $15. for three weeks. Feb. 12- Feb. 19- Feb. 26-. I used the fifty dollar check you sent instead.

I am sending you registered your Insurance Policy & the Burgler Insurance receipt I though you better have them with your things

Now I believe that is all of the left over business.

I remembered it was your birthday just too late. I had been feeling so very discouraged just along there that I forgot people still had birthdays.

The baby has been out of school for a week. I thought I better keep her home to see if we could get rid of her cold. She is much better & I hope the weather will clear up so one can know what to expect.

I wrote Yolande that we were not deciding on any property at once I heard from her to-day but her letter was only on general things

Du Bois & I send our love.

Yours.

Nina

March 3, 1937

Dear Nina,

I am well and busy. I hope you are keeping up, and I am glad to know that the baby's cold at least is trying to be better.

I am enclosing my salary check for deposit, and a note to Mr. Coleman for you to use at the office.

I have not heard from Yolande since I wrote her.

With best love,

16-16-64

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

(over)

210 West 150- Street
New York, N.Y.
March 7- 1937.

16-14-38

Dear Will:

I have your letter of March 2nd and have deposited your salary check of $315.. Your letter relative to the lease for our apartment asks for the lease renewal from last September which Mr. Coleman says can't be. It must be from the present. That is it would now have to date from April first. For six or eight months. If you want that just write me another statement.

Du Bois is at a party at her school this afternoon, Sunday. I just kept her home from

school for ten days + so have finally gotten rid of her cold. She just slept a great deal + I kept her as quiet as I could so now she seems in fine condition.

I am sort of getting hold of myself. I will write again soon

With love,

Nina

March 10, 1937

Dear Nina,

Enclosed is the application for renewing the lease rewritten.

I am glad to know the baby's cold is well, and I hope you are going slowly.

With best love,

16-16-65

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

210 West 150—Street
New York. N.Y.
March 13-1937.

Dear Will:

I have your last two letters.
The regestered one with the checks.
I have deposited the four checks to your
regular account $195.32. The one
to the union Dime Savings Bank $250. I have
also deposited. The amount there is
$751.80.

Your letter relative to the lease
for the apartment came to-day.
I will see about it Monday.
My letter from Yolande this
week spoke of another house
for sale. She seems not to be
taking into consideration at

16-14-36

suddenly last week. Mrs. Hart wanted you to know of it. It seems he had a weak heart.

If you care to write a line the address I think is 2284-7th Ave., That is the one I get from the telephone book under the name Mrs. Louise B. Hart, undertaker. you will know if the name & address seems to fit the place where you were in the habit of finding Mr. Hart.

I received just yesterday a letter from Miss Prophet. She spoke of her trip to Tuskegee. I'm glad you had such a pleasant trip there.

We send love to you. Du Bois took her ~~Kimona~~ Japanese kimona to school. Miss Johnson asked me to let her wring it. They were studying

all the situation that exists & that she has created. I wrote her quite frankly that until she came to some sensible plans for living I did not see how I was going to go on trying to cooperate with her. That I simply could not accept her friendly relations with these boys she chooses as friends. She knows of course that we have got to do something one of these days.

Du Bois is well and growing in every way. Her cold has all gone. We have been having snow & sleet off & on. More is promised for tomorrow. Sunday.

Your barber Mr. Hart died

about Japan. The Feast of the Dolls comes this month in Japan.
So Du Bois exhibited her Kimona
She wore it just for the children
to see for a while.

Good night
Nina.

March 15, 1937

My dear Nina,

I am certain that I brought my diplomas to Atlanta, but I have looked for them in vain. You remember the ones all framed together in the large oak frame. Of course if they are here I am mistaken will find them but if they are still in New York let me know.

With love
Very sincerely yours,

16-16-66

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

210 West 150th Street
New York, N.Y.
March 29th 37.

Dear Will:

Du Bois and I thank you so much for the lovely Easter flower. It is very beautiful.

Also Du Bois has enjoyed the copy of Jerome Anthony, you know she always loves another book. She carried it around for days. I think she likes the finding of Araminta in the story.

Yolande came up for Easter She had only four days vacation. She especially avoided the question of living and I did not mention it. She seems to be just as

16-14-34

#50. from the Pittsburgh Courier.

You seem to be keeping quite busy.

Du Bois is well and sends your love. She wants to know when she can go to Atlanta.

She has a vacation of eleven days.

With love.

Nina.

friendly with the boy. He called her up long distance from Baltimore. She seems to have some thing on her mind she spent the evening with the Streators perhaps I will find out from them what it is.

She went back to Baltimore today. she had gotten rid of her bad cold she's had most of the winter.

I had quite a time with my grippe but am over it except a little cough.

I think the trip to Atlanta would be lovely. I'm sure I should love the drive.

I have depositied your check for

March 29, 1937

My dear Mrs. Du Bois:

Dr. Du Bois asked me to send you these checks totaling one hundred dollars for deposit to his checking account.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and Du Bois, I am

Sincerely yours,

16-16-67

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

Sent:

Check from	M. Agnes Jones	$25.00
"	" B. T. Harvey	25.00
E. I. D.		50.00

210 West 150-street
New York. N.Y.
April 4-1937.

Dear Will:

You are likely back in Atlanta by now.
Well Easter is over. The weather here remains
cool even cold some of the time. I don't mind
though. Du Bois has had a cold but it is about
over. She starts back to school in the morning
She with her school groupe took part in an
after Easter Fashion Show given at the Y.W. yesterday
She appeared twice. First in her Japanese kimono
and second in a tweed coat + hat to match with
brown shoes, claves & pocket book. I think she
was a bit afraid she shouldn't do alright.
She wondered why they had them walk on sheets
and why they turned so much light on them.
She looked very lovely in her kimono and very grown
up in her street costume. She is already looking for-
ward to your coming the end of April.

I received Miss Diggs letter with checks for

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one hundred dollars for you which I deposited to your checking account.

I am all over my grippe, thank goodness.

We send you love.

Du Bois & Nina.

210 West 150-St.,
New York. N.Y.
April 6 — 1937.

Dear Will;

16-14-33

Our rent per. month is to be $62.70. It was $69.15 a differance of $6.45 I have paid the April rent $62.70. However Mr. Coleman seems to feel it would be better to have you sign the lease so he is sending it to you.

Yours
Nina.

210 West 150 - Street
New York, N.Y.
April 9 - 1937

Dear Will:

16-4-37

I have your letter with checks for $27.50 and have deposited them to your checking account. The Pittsburgh Courier arrived to-day with report of your testifying on the federal education bill.

The baby girl has another cold. We had two quite warm days, then cold, so it is hard not to have colds.

Fred has been quite sick but is better. He almost had

pneumonia. Alice has another job. This one is in dramatics & singing so she is quite happy. It is a W.P.A. job. Many people enquire for you.

Yours with love

Nina.

April 15, 1937

My dear Nina,

I am planning to be in New York the 28, 29, and 30 of April and I may drive although I haven't settled that yet. Will you please get some samples of spring suits from Mr. Jones? I shall need two. We can talk over summer plans when I get there.

16-16-68

I hope that the bad weather is over and the cold is gone. We are having lovely spring weather just now although we dare not mention it aloud for we have had some pretty bad weather. I have been, as I think I told you, lecturing in south Georgia and Florida. Last week I was in Montgomery and Mobile speaking. I also spent, as I think I said, several days in Washington but could not get away being held there by the hearing. On my way North I am going to speak three times to colored colleges.

My best love to you and Du Bois.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150 Street
New York City
New York

P.S. Enclosed is a check for $500 for my Plumber Thrift account.

D

210 West 150-St.
New York. N.Y.
April 19-37

Dear Will:

16-16-69

Your letter with the check for $5.00, came this morning. I will deposit it to your thrift account to-day.

We shall be glad to see you next week. The weather here has cleared up finally.

Dr Bais is back in school after a cold which was troubling her. She went to a part Saturday of one of her school friends. She went in a car with Miss Johnson & two other children

I was glad to have her taken as the party was way up in the Bronx. Du Bois said it was in the country.

Mrs. Trotman was over one evening last week. Her case against the city for her accident has come up. She don't know yet how much they are going to give her.

Well the latest is that Rasco Bruce Jr. was arrested over a week ago for staging a holdup to cover a $2,000 shortage in rents where he was employed in Newark.

With our love,

Nina & Du Bois.

April 19, 1937

My dear Mrs. Du Bois,

Dr. Du Bois wishes me to send the following checks for deposit to his checking account:

From B. T. Harvey	$7.03
M. A. Jones	17.02
R. L. Vann	50.00
	$74.05

With very best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

16-16-70

16-16-34

Dear Will:

Many thanks for the things from Benson & Hedges. We are looking for your next visit. Ruth McG. She came up the Monday after you were here. She had been ill in bed for three weeks but seemed to be getting all right. She had gone back to work. She sends love to you & hopes to see you when you come next time

Du Bois is well & still talking of the Circus.

We are having nice weather

With love.

May 5 – 37.

Nina

May 5, 1937

My dear Nina,

I reached here safely last night after a very beautiful trip. The roads were all right between Richmond and Washington, and I had a pleasant stop and lecture at Livingstone College.

16-11-9

Enclosed are three checks:

Salary	$315.00
Harcourt, Brace	74.25
Courier	50.00
making a total of	$439.25

Please deposit to my checking account. Send me your cancelled checks as soon as possible.

I had a very lovely visit in New York and especially enjoyed our visit to the circus. I hope Du Bois is well with no ill effects.

My love to her and to you.

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

May 6, 1937

My dear Mrs. Du Bois:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to send you this check from Henry Holt and Company in the amount of $14.43; and also the letter from Mrs. Wright.

16-11-8

With love and best wishes to you and Du Bois, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

210 West 150 Street
New York, N.Y.
May 9 - 1937.

16-16-35

Dear Will:

We were glad to know you had a satisfactory trip south.

Du Bois seemed not too tired after the Circus. Though I put her to bed early Saturday afternoon after you left and she slept three hours.

She is well and still speaks of the circus. She hopes to swing high up in the air some day like the people on the trapeze.

I have deposited the checks you sent also the one for $14.43 from Henry Holt. making $453,68.

I was glad to have Bernice's letter
I will write her.

We are having cool weather again.
We have steam on evenings & mornings.
The tulips in our gardens are coming
out.

Mr. Jones will have your suit
ready for a fitting when you come.

Several people have enquired for
you since you left. They thought you
were still here.

Du Bois joins me in send-
ing you our love.

Nina

May 10, 1937

16-16-36

My dear Nina,

I have just come back from a trip to Nashville. Reid, Logan, and I went up Saturday and came back Sunday. We had a very pleasant visit with both Johnson families and Dr. Park. I called on the President and Cerella Shook. Everyone asked about you.

Enclosed is a check for one hundred dollars. Please deposit it to my checking account.

I am writing to Yolande about the summer. I think you ought to arrange to go to Green Acres for July. Why not begin to inquire and make reservations, even if you do not go? They can be cancelled. By the way, there is one diploma missing, the Howard LLd. I think it must be somewhere around home. If you can find it send it by insured parcel post.

I am not quite certain as to when I shall come North again but I think probably I shall be in New York from the 22 to the 27 of May and then again for just a day June 9, 10, or 11.

My best love to you and Du Bois

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

May 17, 1937

My dear Nina,

I am enclosing the following checks for deposit to my checking account:

Pittsburgh Courier	$50.00
Ira Reid	7.14
U. S. Treasurer	1.00
R. W. Logan	2.01
A. C. McClurg & Co.	24.75
	$84.90

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May 19, 1937

My dear Nina,

I have heard from Yolande and sent the enclosed letter. Have you written to Green Acre? If not, please do so immediately so as to get reservations. Would you not like Mrs. Trotman to go with you? Please take this seriously and get at it. I shall be at Sunday dinner.

Yours with love,

16-16-38

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

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May 20, 1937

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois (do not telephone)
210 West 150th Street, Apartment 3-A
New York City
New York

Will have to postpone trip stop letter follows.

W. E. B. Du Bois

Charge to Walnut 4963

16-16-39

210 West 150-Street
New York, N.Y.
May 22-1937

16-16-40

Dear Will:

Your telegram and letter received. We were of course much disappointed that you could not come this week end. Now we are looking forward to your visit in June.

I had invited the Streators and Ruth. I had asked Mrs. Cregg to have our dinner for us at her restaurant.

for sometime.

The baby keeps well and is growing. She is enjoying her music lessons with Alison.

I had not told her you were going to bring the car, I just told her you were coming so that won't have to be explained and when you do come by train. The packages came from Benson & Hedges. I will send the cigarettes monday.

We send our love.

Nina.

P.S. To day it is suddenly very warm

But it is all right. Ruth went to the Alexanders instead & I will try to get the Streators for the June dinner.

I have read Yolandes letter. The place at Green Acre is never over full especially in July. I will make inquiries about reservations. I doubt if Mrs Tratman would care to go.

The last time I talked with her she thought she might go to England for the summer.

I haven't talked with her

16-16-41

210 West 150-St.,
New York. N.Y.
May 27-1937

Dear Will:

Enclosed is a check which was returned to me from the Dunbar Bank saying there was not sufficient funds to Mr. Reid account.

We are well. I got the medicine and so am getting rid of some of my aches.

It has finally gotten warm here.

We send you love.

Nina & Du Bois

May 28, 1937

My dear Nina,

I shall leave here on the night of Monday, June seventh and arrive in New York late in the afternoon of Tuesday, June eighth. I shall leave New York Saturday, June twelfth. We had better have our dinner Wednesday or Friday.

Yolande has written me expressing a preference for Camp Atwater with the DeBerry's in Springfield and I have written them and made a reservation for her and the baby. At the same time I also wrote Mabelle so that she can change her mind if she wants to and go to Fern Rock. I have suggested to her that she stay in New York with you until July fifteenth and get her teeth and clothes ready. Then, that all of you start out on a summer vacation. I shall see you then soon.

Yours with love,

16-16-42

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. Will you please deposit this check in the amount of $3.75 to my checking account?

210 West 150-Street
New York, N.Y.
May 31st, 1937

Dear Will:

We shall be looking for you next week. Tuesday is that right? To day as Du Bois & I walked in the park she said, I wish grandpa was here with his car.

It is warm here at last. Mr. Streator may in a little while this evening. He is not so well. Has rheumatism in his ankles & feet. He works part of the time.

16-16-7 (3)

John Brown was in one evening. He is trying to get Jack into the schools. Alice is back in recreation work under the city. She is located at #5 135th street school serves six hours a day. Don't she the lucky one.

We send love and look for you.

Nina & Dan Bois.

16-16-44

210 West 150-Street

New York, N.Y.

June 2nd 1937

Dear Will:

We have your last letter telling us you will arrive late next Tuesday afternoon the eighth. We shall be looking for you. We forgot to say the two lovely books came, thank you for them.

I deposited the check for $3.75.

With love.

Nina,

P.S. Have planned to have the dinner Wednesday as Mr. Streator may have to go out of the city later M.

June 4, 1937

16-16-45

My dear Nina,

As I now plan and I think this is final, I shall arrive in New York Wednesday, June ninth, before dinner and shall stay four days. I shall bring the car for the baby's benefit.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

June 5, 1937

16-16-46

Dear Nina,

Here are two checks, for $75 and $315. Please deposit to checking account. Did you deposit $20 of your money last month? Whenever you make such deposits let me know so I can keep account.

With love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

June 16, 1937

16-16-47

My dear Nina,

I arrived here Tuesday noon and had a very pleasant trip. I wasn't nearly as tired as I thought I might be. It was very nice to see you and the baby. Yolande writes that she would like to go to Springfield. If I were you I would say nothing against it. Springfield has several advantages: it is a long way from Baltimore and any possible callers, it has more space and level land for the baby to run and play, and there is a lake. So I think we should accept this decision without demur.

I am enclosing a check for $50. Please deposit it to my checking account.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

210 West 150-street
New York, N.Y.
June 17-1937.

Dear Will;

We have your letter written yesterday and glad to know you had a safe & comfortable trip down. We always think a good deal until we hear when you are on a long journey. It was nice to have you home if only for a short time.

I was quite surprised to have a visit from Arnett on Sunday. He called to see the baby. She did not know him.

I don't know as there is any

16-16-84

She says of course we can not go to Green Acre. A group is going to do something about it. This stand came out of the meeting in Nashville last March but is just being given out to the world. Mrs. Tritman knew something of it but she did not think the Guardian would approve.

She wants you to write a letter but not until you have all the facts relative to the case.

I think I will arrange to go up to the Y.W.C.A. camp for a while before the August rush gets there.

I will get the list of silver

may do keep him from ever seeing her but I hope he doesn't get in the habit of coming.

It rather worried me for the day but it just has to be met.

Yolande wrote me why she had decided on Springfield. I can see her point of view. It is all right.

I will deposit the $50. from the Courier.

Enclosed is an article from the Bahai News. Teaching in the Southern States. Mrs. Stratman called my attention to it and is very much upset about it.

to you in a few days.

I deposited to-day June 17 - $15. sent by Yolande for the babys expenses & Wanamaker bill. It is on your checking account.

It is lovely & cool here.

To-day Du Bois went with her school on a picnic. She seemed to have a good time. They went to Coney Island. They carried their own lunch.

Mr. Streator has been sent to Baltimore to work for a while.

Olive was saying how much she enjoyed the dinner with us.

Du Bois & I send love.

Nina.

The Baha'i

(COPY)

Letters from the Guardian to the National Spiritual Assembly
of the Baha'i (Shoghi Effendi)

"Teaching in the Southern States"

"Regarding the problem of teaching in districts of mixed colored and white populations, the Guardian fully approves of the policy adopted by the N. S. A. to the effect that the teaching work should be carried simultaneously with the two races in the south without the slightest discrimination. For the Teachings are obviously not intended for only one race or one class. Your Assembly's suggestion that Baha'i public meetings should henceforth be conducted separately for whites and colored and that study classes resulting from such meetings should likewise be conducted separately until individuals of both races are truly confirmed believers is splendid as it will undoubtedly help in removing the misunderstandings and obstacles that have thus far stood in the way of the expansion of the Faith in the Southern States. To alienate either the white or the colored race would be indeed unfair and unjustifiable. The solution proposed by your Assembly thus marks a step in advance over the methods which the friends have hitherto enforced in their teaching work in the Southern States. The Guardian therefore trusts that it will be brought fully to the attention of the friends, and that they will each and all arise to apply it in their future teaching activities.

Copy A

16-12

In this connection, however, he wishes me to stress the fact that the two races should ultimately be brought together, and be urged to associate with the utmost unity and fellowship, and be given full and equal opportunity to participate in the conduct of the teachings as well as administrative activities of the Faith. Nothing short of such an ultimate fusion of the two races can insure the faithful application of that cornerstone principle of the Cause regarding the oneness of mankind. --

March 22, 1937

"Baha'i News
130 Evergreen Place
West Englewood, New Jersey

No. 108 - June, 1937

June 18, 1937

My dear Nina,

16-16-49

With regard to our burglary insurance: the insurance covers all loss by burglary, robbery, theft, etc. committed by a guest, or servant, or anyone else. It indemnifies for all damages to property and premises except damage by fire. There is $500 insurance on jewelry, watches, articles of gold and silver, and furs; and $500 on household goods and personal property including electric refrigerator. It is permissable under this insurance to leave the property vacant for not more than six months in any year. For six months vacancy the insurance covers in full. If any loss is discovered, proof of it must be sent to the Travelers Indemnity Company, Hartford, Connecticut, and must contain a complete inventory of property missing or damaged, stating original and cash value and evidence of burglary, etc.

If you will send me the list which you have of the articles, I will have it copied and a copy returned to you.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

p.s. I don't think storage necessary - do you?

210 West 150-Street
New York, N.Y.
June 23rd " 37.

Dear Will

I have your letter relative to the insurance. I am sending the list of Yolande's silver.

I judge her silver is valued at least $350, if not $400. as I look over the items.

We have about $150, in silver. Then there is the piano, refrigerator and our house hold furniture.

No I don't think we need storage for the any of the things.

10-16-30

To day was the babies last day at school. I mentioned that I was going to write you to night so she said to tell you she was all right and to hurry and come home to see the work she had brought from school.

Well we will not have to get up quite so early mornings now but will have a rather full day when we do start.

We are having a good deal of rain and to night it is cool.

Yolande will be up next week.

We send our love.

Nina.

16-16-55

Yolandes silver about
$300. or $400.

We have about $150. worth of silver.
piano over a $1000. when bought
Electric refrigerator
china $150.
furniture about $1000 not less

Then there are the books, pictures,
pieces of works of art such as
your bust, vases etc.

[Enclosure]

16-16-51

Stiegg ware

12 - Dinner Knives
12 - Dinner Forks
12 - Salad Forks
12 - Ice Cream Forks
12 - Tea-spoons -
12 - After-dinner Coffee Spoons
4 - Table-Spoons
1 - Steak Carving Set
1 - Pie Knife
1 - Soup Ladel
1 - Butter Knife
1 - Sugar shell (spoon)
1 - Salad Fork.
2 - Shell-Shaped Spoon
1 - Large Pickle fork.
1 - Small Pickle-fork -
1 - Jelly Spoon.

These are Alexander things

16-16-52

1 Carving set
3 Table Spoons

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1 Bedales Table Spoon
1 Berry Spoon. Mr & Mrs John Nail -
1 Barry Spoon - Mrs Fredrick Lewis Alley
1 Fancy Spoon John Nail Sr.
1 Fancy Spoon Mrs E.R. Williams
1 Fancy Spoon Mr & Mrs Isadore Martin
1 Jelly Spoon Dr & Mrs J. Max. Barber
1 Fancy Spoon Mr & Mrs Arthur J Putnam.
1 Fancy Spoon Mrs John W. Moryck
1 Pickle Frrk Dr & Mrs Crisswaith.
1 Pickle Fork Miss Hancock -
1 Pickle Fork —
12 Sterling Silver Teaspoons "Delta"
6 Sterling Silver Teaspoons Mr & Mrs Glenn Washington, DC
6 After Dinner Enameled Coffee Spoons
Mr & Mrs Joel Springarn

16-16-53

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4 Sets Candle Sticks
1 Silver Vase -
1 Water Pitcher. Morfield Storey.
1 Cake plate Mary White Ovington/
1 Silver Bon Bon dish Mr Wm. F. Brown.
1 Silver Bon Bon Basket. Mr & Mrs Jas Weldon Johnson.
1 Creamer Mr & Mrs Christopher Williams
1 Sugar Bowl. Washington, D.C.
1 Silver Bon Bon Dish Dean & Mrs Polk Washington D.C.
1 Creamer Mr & Mrs Mason A Hawkins
1 Sugar Bowl.
2 Salt Dishes & Spoons Mr & Mrs Wm Coggsbill
2 Pair. Salt & pepper Stands Mr John Trounstine -
6 Salt & pepper Stands (Small) Alexander F Miller -
1 Tea Strainer & Drip - Mr & Mrs Albert Walker -
2 Salad Dish & Spoons
1 Salad Dish & Spoon. Frances Elizabeth Sinkford -

16-16-54

6 glass & Silver Sherbit Dishes -- Elzey -

6 glass & Silver Sherbit Dishes

1 Silver Center piece 0

2 Hot plates 0

1 Brass Hot Bowl & Cracker - 0

Yolande

15-26-21

Stieff ware

12 dinner knives
12 dinner forks
12 salad forks
12 ice cream forks
12 teaspoons
12 after dinner coffee spoons
4 table spoons
1 steak carving set
1 pie knife
1 soup ladel
1 butter knife
1 sugar shell (spoon)
1 salad fork
2 shell-shaped spoons
1 large pickle fork
1 small pickle fork
1 jelly spoon

1 carving set
3 table spoons

1 bedales table spoon
1 berry spoon Mr. and Mrs. John Nail
1 berry spoon Mrs. Fredrick Lewis Allen
1 fancy spoon John Nail, Sr.
1 fancy spoon Mrs. E. R. Williams
1 fancy spoon Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Martin
1 jelly spoon Dr. and Mrs. J. Max Barber
1 fancy spoon Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Putnam
1 fancy spoon Mrs. John W. Moryck
1 pickle fork Dr. and Mrs. Crosswaith
1 pickle fork Miss Hancock
1 pickle fork
12 sterling silver teaspoons "Delta"
6 sterling silver teaspoons Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, Washington, D. C.
6 after dinner enameled coffee spoons Mr. and Mrs. Joel Spingarn
4 sets candle sticks
1 silver vase
1 water pitcher Morfield Storey
1 cake plate Mary White Ovington
1 silver bonbon dish Mr. William F. Brown
1 silver bonbon basket Mr. and Mrs. James Welden Johnson
1 creamer Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Williams
1 sugar bowl Washington, D. C.
1 silver bonbon dish Dean and Mrs. Cook, Washington, D. C.

15-26-22

1 creamer Mr. and Mrs. Mason A. Hawkins
1 sugar bowl
2 salt dishes and spoons Mr. and Mrs. William Coggsbillt
2 pair salt and pepper stands Mr. John Trounstine
6 salt and pepper stands (small) Alexander F. Miller
1 tea strainer and drip Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker
2 salad dishes and spoons
1 salad dish and spoon Frances Elizabeth Sinkford
6 glass and silver sherbet dishes Elzey
6 glass and silver sherbet dishes
1 silver centerpiece
2 hot plates
1 brass nut bowl and cracker

16-16-56

210 West 150-St.,
New York, N.Y.
June 28-37

Dear Will;

We are well and having fine cool weather. Yolande will be home in a day or two now.

The baby is looking forward to her coming. Yolande writes me that she is giving up her apartment in Baltimore and storing most of her things.

I at last have my spring suit made by Mr. Jones, your tailor. It looks very nice.

Du Bois & I send love

Nina,

June 28, 1937

16-16-57

My dear Nina,

We have been having some blazing weather here, but I have kept well and fairly content by simply undressing and going to bed afternoons and doing very little real work. It has, however, made me skeptical about the plan of coming back here in August for the Boule. I doubt if it would be wise for either of us to take that long hot ride of at least eight days in all beside the three days we would stay here. I think, therefore, I shall plan as follows: after the close of summer school I will come North leisurely and then from August first to fifteenth we will do some visiting and possibly board in some cool place if we can find a suitable one. I should like that we would spend a few days with the Alexanders and a few days with the Crawfords in New Haven, and perhaps you have some other place that we could go. At the end of that period we might drive by Springfield and bring Yolande and the baby home. From the fifteenth of August to the twenty-ninth of August I would go to camp in Maine and then spend the time from August 29 to September 18 in New York City, leaving September 19 for Atlanta. Let me know what you think of this plan.

What has Mr. Jones done with my blue coat? Please tell him to rush it to me.

I am sending some picture books to the baby. These have been given me by Ida Jones, the nursery school teacher whom you remember, and Miss Howard, who is one of the teachers here.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

July 1, 1937

My dear Nina,

I forgot to say in my last letter that I think you ought to get off to Fern Rock for a little rest and quiet and fresh air as soon as possible after the baby goes to camp. Then when I come up August first I can drive up and bring you down. It is imperative that you have a change as soon as possible. You do not realize yourself how the noise and dirt of New York get on your nerves.

Enclosed is the list of Yolande's silverware. You did not itemize our silver and furniture. That ought to be done and then I will copy that and send it to you.

I am enclosing my salary check for $355, one for $49.50 and one for $.50 from the Pittsburgh Courier. Please deposit them to my checking account. (4.5.00)

The weather here has moderated and has been quite decent for a couple of days.

My love to you and Du Bois,

16-16-17

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

210 West 150-Street
New York, N.Y.
July 4 – 1937,

16-16-18

Dear Will:

I have your letter with the checks – for $405. I will deposit them after the holiday tomorrow.

Thanks for the list of Yolandes silver. The itemized list of our things I will send later. That is not an easy task.

Yolande is to come in this week. I shall try to get up to Fern Rock but will have to have a few days when I am not always hurrying to keep up with the time

is not here so I will not go,
I do not mind because it is a tiring trip up & back the same day in one of the buses besides the expense.

The baby keeps well and talks often of you & when you will come again.

Mr. Streator comes up every week end from Baltimore where he is working. He has been a help to Yolande in deciding some things. He is not at all well. Had one of the fainting spells he has while in Baltimore. Had to stay in bed two days. He is here now but plans to go back tomorrow.

The plans you suggest for the summer are all right as far as I am concerned. However it don't seem to me to be so good to bring the baby back into the city the middle of August.

We have been having a few hot days but not near as warm as last Summer this time.

I will write Miss Prophet not to expect me in August.

Mrs. Bantle phoned me that you had been especially nice to her when she was South. Mrs. Alexander has invited me to her 4th of July picnic tomorrow but Galamde

Eva Lewis of Boston called to day she is here for the week-end. She is nearly blind, so she can not do any work, which is a great trial to her as she so loves her books she told me she was keping up with your articles in the Pittsburgh Courier.

Du Bois & I send love,

Nina.

July 10, 1937

My dear Nina,

16-16-19

I understand you are having some summer at last in New York. I hope you are keeping quiet and cool. The weather here is considerably more bearable then it was. I had one little attack of indigestion chiefly on account of it I think, but I got rid of it quickly. I agree with you that it would too bad to bring the baby home the fifteenth of August. It would probably be best to have her stay up there near the first of September. Perhaps you could go up and stay there with her if Yolande has any preparation to make in New York. But we shall talk of that when I come. Poor Virginia is in the hospital. I suppose it is nothing serious but I do not know as yet.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. Enclosed is a check for $562.50. Please deposit it to my checking account. I hope you and the baby are standing the heat and being real careful about it.

July 12, 1937

My dear Nina,

16-16-20

I have just written Yolande about the money that she will need to go to Springfield. I have suggested that she take a parlor car. She is going to be feeling pretty badly after the dental work, and the baby ought to be as comfortable as possible after this heat. I have told her to let me know just what she needs for fare and advance payment. You may advance the sum necessary if there is not time for exchange of letters here. Urge her to get away as soon as possible so that you and the baby will get relief. It is hot here again but not as bad, I understand, as in New York. At any rate I am quite comfortable.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. I have told Mrs. Alexander that we will come the week of August seventh to fourteenth.

July 19, 1937

16-16-21

My dear Nina,

This is the last week of school and I shall be getting home sometime toward the end of the week of the twenty-fifth. During the first week of August we are to spend a couple of days with Crawford up in New Haven; and, of course, as I wrote you from the seventh to the fourteenth we are to be with Mrs. Alexander. On the fifteenth I go to the camp and can take you at the same time up to Springfield. I hope Yolande and the baby got off all right.

I am enclosing a check for $50 to be deposited to my checking account.

The weather here is a little better today, I hope it is in New York.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

September 23, 1937

16-16-22

My dear Nina,

I have your letter this morning and I am glad that you and Du Bois are well and getting ready for school. The trip down was unusually pleasant. The weather was perfect with sunshine and neither too hot nor too cold, and the easy stages enabled me to get to my various stopping places long before night and start out again after a leisurely breakfast. I arrived in Atlanta at half past four Monday which gave me plenty of time to get unpacked and settled. My rooms were neat and clean, carefully aired with new laundered curtains. The weather here is beautiful and the grass and trees are green.

Mr. Braithwaite is back although I have not seen him yet, and Mr. Reid and the other teachers.

I hope you are trying to keep the advantage which your small rest this summer gave you and not over-work during the fall and winter. Of course you have to get up early but you ought to try and lie down for at least an hour during the day. The results would more than pay for the time lost. Let me know about the Wannamaker bill when you receive it.

My love to you and Du Bois,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 1, 1937

My dear Nina,

Enclosed are checks with a statement. When you send the October vouchers will you include a statement of what Yolande owes at Wanamakers? I will remind her gently of paying it back sometime when I write her.

16-16-23

I am glad Du Bois is in school and enjoys it. We have had very lovely weather here which evidently you have shared. I shall be coming as far as Cheney in October but will have to come back immediately after the speech and shall not get to New York. Neither shall I come Thansgiving but I shall come Christmas to have a week or more in the city.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 2, 1937

My dear Nina,

Here is another check for $562.50. Please put it in my checking account. By the way I meant to say in my last letter: hereafter when Yolande makes any repayment or you have any check to deposit, instead of putting them in my checking account put them in my thrift account. Then you need make no report to me, and these checks will not interfere in any way with your normal expenditures or with my deposits.

16-16-24

We are having a time of cold, drizzling rain chiefly because the football season is beginning.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 4, 1937

16-16-25

My dear Nina,

Your forwarded me the rent bill I imagine by mistake. I am returning it.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 7, 1937

16-16-26

My dear Nina,

Enclosed please find two checks: one for $400 and one for $100. The one for $400 please deposit in the Union Dime Savings Bank. Of course take the book with you and there will be some interest to be added. After you have done this let me know the total amount deposited there.

The check for $100 is for Wanamaker. My plan for paying that bill is this: the total bill is $259.26. If you could make your purchases there during October and November not exceed $25 a month or $50 in all that would make a total bill of $309.26. This bill I propose to pay with checks sent on or about October 6, November 6, and December 6. If, of course, there is some extra expenditure you have to make during October and November let me know. Otherwise your budget for these two months would be $150 instead of $200 and you would make no payment to Wanamaker.

I shall write Yolande a little note about the bill of $92 and suggest methods of paying it. As I have said before such repayments and her remittances for Du Bois' schooling should be deposited in the thrift account at the Dunbar Bank. Let me know if this is clear and agreeable.

I made application at the Ethical Culture Schools for the admission of Du Bois next year. Of course, we do not know whether we would want her to go there but if it seemed best to keep on with present living arrangements she will have to have a good school for next year and I thought I would apply in advance. I have the application blanks and a nice letter from them a copy of which I am enclosing. I am going to send the blanks to Yolande and have her return them.

2 for $100 each

I do not know just what to say concerning Bernice. She ought to by all means apply for social security. She without doubt could get it in Iowa. I doubt if she could in New York. She has work in Iowa which, while doubtless not very pleasant, is at least respectable and she can support herself on it. I am a little afraid of definitely asking her to come to New York for these reasons. Then too, if she did come we would have, of course, to take a larger apartment. If by any chance I should go to Washington for the Encyclopaedia in the near future we could have a larger house and very easily invite her. However, you follow your own judgment and I will think of the matter further. I am enclosing her letter and the Wanamaker bill in this letter.

We are having very lovely weather here. I am glad to hear of Du Bois' birthday. I shall send her a telegram so that she can get it on the morning of the eleventh.

With love to you and her,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. I am so sorry to hear about the death of Jimmie Anderson. I am writing Mrs. Anderson.

October 9, 1937

16-16-27

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is a Pittsburgh Courier check in the amount of $50. Please deposit it to my checking account.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 20, 1937

16-16-28

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is a check for $75. Please deposit it to my checking account. What balance is there in my Dunbar Thrift account? You told me about the Union Dime but not about the Dunbar.

I was at Cheyney Friday speaking in the morning and rushing back to Atlanta. I had a rather bad head cold and consulted a specialist there but there was nothing serious and it is much better now. I am glad the little girl had a pleasant birthday. Greet her for me. We have had rather warm and rainy weather here but today is cold with plenty of sun. I hope you are not over-doing and that you do not miss the coat which you ought to have ordered in August. With regard to the Wanamaker bill: buy, of course, the necessary things. It may make the payment run over into another month but that will not matter.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

October 25, 1937

16-11-10

My dear Nina,

I came up to Cheyney last week, arriving Saturday and leaving Sunday. I wish I could have gotten as far as New York but it was impossible without losing some of my classes here which I did not want to do. This week I have been to Talladega for a lecture. I saw Katherine and she sent love to you. Next week-end I go to Augusta. After that I have no more lectures that I know about until February.

I shall not be able to get up Thanksgiving so far as I can see but I shall come Christmas. I know that Miss Prophet would very much like to come but I hesitate about inviting her because I know how crowded we should be especially if Yolande should come home. Therefore I shall say nothing about it. What do you think? I am glad to know of the baby's intellectual activities.

I am enclosing checks as follows: Talladega $50.00, Harcourt Brace $36.86. Total $86.86. Please deposit to my checking account.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
New York City
New York

October 26, 1937

16-16-30

My dear Nina,

I am enclosing a Courier check for $50. Please deposit it to my checking account. Please don't forget to tell me the balance in my Dunbar thrift account.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

November 1, 1937

16-16-29

Dear Nina,

Enclosed is my salary check for $315. Please deposit to my checking account. We are suddenly having glorious spring weather today without almost summer heat. It is possible that I may be in New York in November for a special conference. I am not sure yet but I will let you know. I trust this will find you well.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. I am enclosing a check of $100 for the Wanamaker bill. Send me the vouchers and the amount of the Wanamaker bill when you receive it.

November 8, 1937

16-16-31

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is the Wanamaker bill and a Pittsburgh Courier check for fifty dollars. Please deposit it to my checking account.

I have heard nothing more about the trip North in November. My best love to you and Du Bois.

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

November 19, 1937

16-16-32

My dear Nina,

I am coming home for Thanksgiving. I plan to arrive Thursday at noon and shall leave Friday afternoon. I am coming on account of a meeting in Washington. Don't go to a whole lot of trouble. If you do not feel strong enough to get a dinner at home we will go to Craig's.

My best love to you and Du Bois.

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

November 30, 1937

16-16-23

My dear Nina,

I am returning my bank book which I brought by mistake and also enclosing a check for $100 to be deposited to my checking account.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

December 2, 1937

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is my salary check for $315. Please deposit it to my checking account. I will send the check for Wanamaker a little later. I hope this will find you well and not over-tired from the Thanksgiving festivities. I had a very lovely visit.

Yours with love,

16-16-11

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

(over)

December 8, 1937

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars. Please deposit it to my checking account.

16-16-12

I am glad DuBois' cold is gone. You might sometime have Dr. Collins examine her nose. She probably has some slight tendency to inflammation of the sinus and it is possible that a little treatment might ward off some of these colds. I hope you will keep your promise to get a little rest before Christmas. I do not think that I shall drive up or bring Miss Prophet. The weather looks a little too threatening, but I will let you know later.

With best love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150 Street
New York City

December 14, 1937

16-16-13

My dear Nina,

As I am planning now I shall leave here Wednesday night getting in Baltimore about noon Thursday and driving up with Yolande arriving sometime Thursday night. If I do not catch that train I shall arrive in Baltimore Thursday night and drive up Friday morning.

With regard to Christmas presents. I am going to give Yolande liability insurance on her car. She has only fire and theft, so that will be enough for her case. In your case there is still the fur coat, if you want one. Please buy at Wanamakers anything that you think the baby would want from you or me or from you and me together. I hope this will find you not too tired. I am planning to stay until the day after New Year's.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

P. S. I have not forgotten the check for Wanamakers. I will send it or bring it. I am waiting for some remittances.

December 17, 1937

My dear Nina,

I am sending herewith under separate cover about fifteen Christmas cards and enevelopes. I have sent cards like this to the enclosed list of persons. I thought there might be a few others to whom you or Yolande might want to send cards.

Yours with love,

16-16-14

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois

[Enclosure]

December 17, 1937

I have sent Christmas cards to the following:

Dr. and Mrs. R. Wellesley Bailey
Miss Ruth McGhee
Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crawford
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brown, Jr.
Mrs. Ada Young and Family
Mrs. Minta B. Trotman and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Day
Mrs. A. W. Hunton
Dr. and Mrs. Walter N. Beekman
Dr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Alexander
Dr. Virginia M. Alexander
President and Mrs. W. R. Banks
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Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs
Mrs. Helen Curtis
Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Davis
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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Locke
Mrs. and the Misses Parks
Miss N. Elizabeth Prophet
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Valentine
Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Waller
Mrs. G. Welmon and Family
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Mr. and Mrs. John Hope, II
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Kennedy
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cannon
Mr. W. Stanley Braithwaite
Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Cook
Mr. and Mrs. Ira De A. Reid
Mr. and Mrs. Rayford W. Logan
Mrs. L. D. Shivery

16-16-15

December 18, 1937

My dear Nina,

Enclosed is a check for $70.05. Please deposited it to my checking account. I have written Mrs. Trotman.

Yours with love,

16-16-16

Mrs. Nina G. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

January 5, 1937

My dear Mrs. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of December 27, 1936. I accepted of an engagement for Dr. Du Bois in Los Angeles for January 6, 1937, the early part of November, and the only dates available for San Francisco were the first five days of January. It was impossible because of its closeness to the holiday season to arrange an engagement in San Francisco during that period. We, too, were ever so sorry.

I shall send Dr. Du Bois your new address and your telephone number.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

15-17

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
439 West 123 Street
New York City
New York

Atlanta, Georgia

Department of Sociology February 4, 1937

My dear Rachel,

I tried to look you up again before leaving New York but it was quite impossible. It was so good to see you again. I hope the kinks in your work have straightened out. Let me know what you are doing. I arrived here Monday and all is going well so far.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

15-7-36

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
439 West 123 Street
New York City
New York

[1937]

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RACHEL DAVIS-DuBOIS, DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE
SCHUYLER 4-1260-1-2

Rachel Davis-DuBois

15-7-37

Dear Mr E B. D;-

Sun - mar 21 -

A week ago I scribbled the penciled note - that better if it's decided to wait til I could write more - I enclose it now - as a record of my feelings - perhaps it's because the strain of things has me almost panicky - I'm trying to get my books ready for a mimiograph experimental edition (evenings nights) I'll never try to write another book - a thousand other calls on my time - was told yesterday that the G. E. B. had given PEA $500 to be spent on experimenting with use of the Radio & that I must map plans for 2 programs in May to test its use - in 2 weeks I must leave for Calif. - stopping off to attend PEA conference in several cities - return the first week in May. The trouble is I don't have any expert assistance - not even a private secy - only Mr Pa - still so limited in money - guess I'll stage a sit down strike - Will you help me out by

sending me some notes on any speech
you've made about the relation of race
relations to World Peace - A Minneapolis
group insists that I make such a speech
& I haven't time to think out the current
relationships - I will of course - quote you -
as your point of view as a result of your
trip.

I wish I had time to go the long
way & stop off at Abilene on my
way East, but I just can't - secure
the scribbler, the cheap fountain pen -
I get to replace the other - bothers me.

your better friend
R.

April 15, 1937

My dear Rachel:

I hope things have settled down a bit since March 21, when I heard from you, and that at last you have the chance to write. Let me know how the book is getting on and what you plan to do this summer. My idea is that above all you need to be led out to pasture so to speak. You have been going at a tremendous rate this last year not to mention that little difficulty you had in the hospital. If your May trip brings you anywhere near this part of the United States you won't fail to let me know.

15-2-38

With best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
439 West 123 Street
New York City
New York

May 19, 1937

16-19-12

My dear Rachel:

I am positively alarmed at your activities. Please remember that there is absolutely nothing that can compensate for ruined health, and it seems to me that you are headed right for that. You have been blessed with strength all your life and you simply do not know how to rest and let-up. It was too bad you couldn't stay in California and go out to pasture. Now do get at least those two weeks. I shall be running up to New York for a moment in May and early in June and then for a bit longer in late July.

I have been very well and very busy but not seriously over-worked. My book is just about to go to the publishers.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
439 West 123 Street
New York City

July 19, 1937

16-12-13

My dear Rachel,

I am going to be in New York the first week in August. I shall call you up immediately after arriving. I hope you are not working yourself plum to death.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
439 West 123 Street
New York City

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October 7, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Under separate cover I have sent you my manuscript. The first three chapters have some pencilled notes of Dr. Ruth Benedict who, as you know, wrote Patterns of Culture. I had a talk with her yesterday. She feels that the conscious adaptation of culture values and traits is so much a matter of uncontrollable economic and social forces that I ought not to stress this point but to confine my appeal to schools and teachers for the development of respect for differences.

16-19-14

This is a bit different from a talk I had with her over a year ago when I asked her if this would be possible, and she said: "It depends on what we borrow, and how deep it goes, and whether it is in harmony with our own basic culture pattern." She may be right when she says it is probably dangerous to encourage such conscious adaptations on the part of unthinking and ill-prepared teachers. But for my own thinking, if mankind cannot set up a goal and then work consciously towards it by the use of scientific methods of social control, then I think I want to retire to the California mountains at once.

I see that you are to speak at Cheney on Saturday, the 17th. I may be there on the 16th, but am due to attend an American Friends Service Committee meeting over the week-end at Graters Ford, Pa. I shall be going to Cheney from Asbury Park where I speak on the morning of the 15th.

Best wishes,

Rachel

Rachel Davis-DuBois
Director

RD/e

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TELEPHONE
SCHUYLER 4-1260-1-2

November 9, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-19-16

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Have you had time to go over my manuscript? I need it now in order to pick up the criticisms and revise it again for my New York University committee.

If you are too busy at this time, please return it anyhow. Perhaps there will be another opportunity after I have revised it.

I hope that your work is going well and that your health is good.

Cordially,

Rachel Davis-DuBois
~~Director~~

RD/e

November 12, 1937

16-19-15

My dear Rachel,

I kept your manuscript on top of my letters all the time since returning from Cheyney promising myself to read it but you know how it is. At any rate since your letter came I laid aside my work on the first clear day and went after the manuscript. First I started with pencil notes and suggestions on the very first page. In the next paragraph my criticism was met. Then gradually I just laid aside my pencil and read the manuscript. It would be perfectly foolish for me to offer any criticism. I think this is not only valuable but very interesting reading. Chapter five is missing and there are two copies of Chapter ten but that is incidental.

I suppose there is one general criticism that might be made: the main basic objection that everybody reading your pamphlet is going to make is the possibility of racial intermarriage being encouraged by cultural understanding at the age of adolescence. That is the real reason that many people despite their feeling of fairness and decency allow deliberate misinformation and cruelty to go on. Of course you approach this matter several times but whether a chapter should be frankly devoted to it I confess I cannot make up my mind. Perhaps not. Perhaps it is as well to assume with regard to this as with regard to human beings meeting under any circumstances that intermarriage must be predicated upon individual compatibility; that there can be no mass encouragement or mass discouragement. If you would insert such a chapter it would be difficult to know how to treat it successfully in the case of Jews, Orientals and Negroes. I think perhaps on the whole it would be better to omit the discussion; to wait and hear the criticism and then if openly or subrosa the criticism does arise, you will just have to gird yourself and write that chapter.

I think you have done a fine job and I hope that my delay has not been too great. I shall plan to see you Christmas time if you are going to be in New York.

Yours with love,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Rachel Davis-DuBois
310 West 90th Street
New York City

310 W 90th St - Nov 16 -
Tues morn
[1937]

Dear F E B D', -

Thanks for return of ms and the letter - I appreciate it - I did not mean to be so abrupt in my last letter to you but I was in haste & dictated so - to my secy. I've been getting ready for the printer a booklet about our work - it just tells the story of what we did - The rest - I was interrupted - The ms I sent you, I must do more work on & will be through in finished by Feb - It has been accepted for my thesis at NYU. I'll talk further with you about it at Xmas - I leave next week - to speak in Buffalo, Chicago, Akron & Cleveland. Shall I get tickets for "I'd Rather Be Right" - They are all sold out weeks ahead.

16-19-17

Sorry to always be in haste -

As always

F

O! say - where that promised Japanese print? It would just fit in my new house - - -

December 2, 1937

16-19-18

My dear Rachel,

I shall be coming up Christmas and I hope you will get seats for "I would Rather Be Right". I could go either the 28, 29 or 30. Choose the day that suits you best but let me know as soon as possible. I have no idea of what the tickets will cost but I am enclosing my check for five dollars. I hope you had a good trip to the West and that you are not working too hard. I shall send the Japanese print.

Yours with best love,

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
310 West 90th Street
New York City

December 18, 1937

16-19-19

My dear Rachel,

You did not name a date for the theatre. I have an engagement December 30, but the rest of the week is free.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Rachel Davis DuBois
310 West 90th Street
New York City

Dictated but not signed.

Du Bois Circle

1217 North Eden Street
Baltimore, Maryland
January 22, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Enclosed herewith is the Year Book of the Du Bois Circle for the current year.

Our meetings this season have been increasingly enjoyable in this our thirty-first year.

The Circle wishes for you a happy and successful year.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah R. Jackson, Cor. Sec'y.

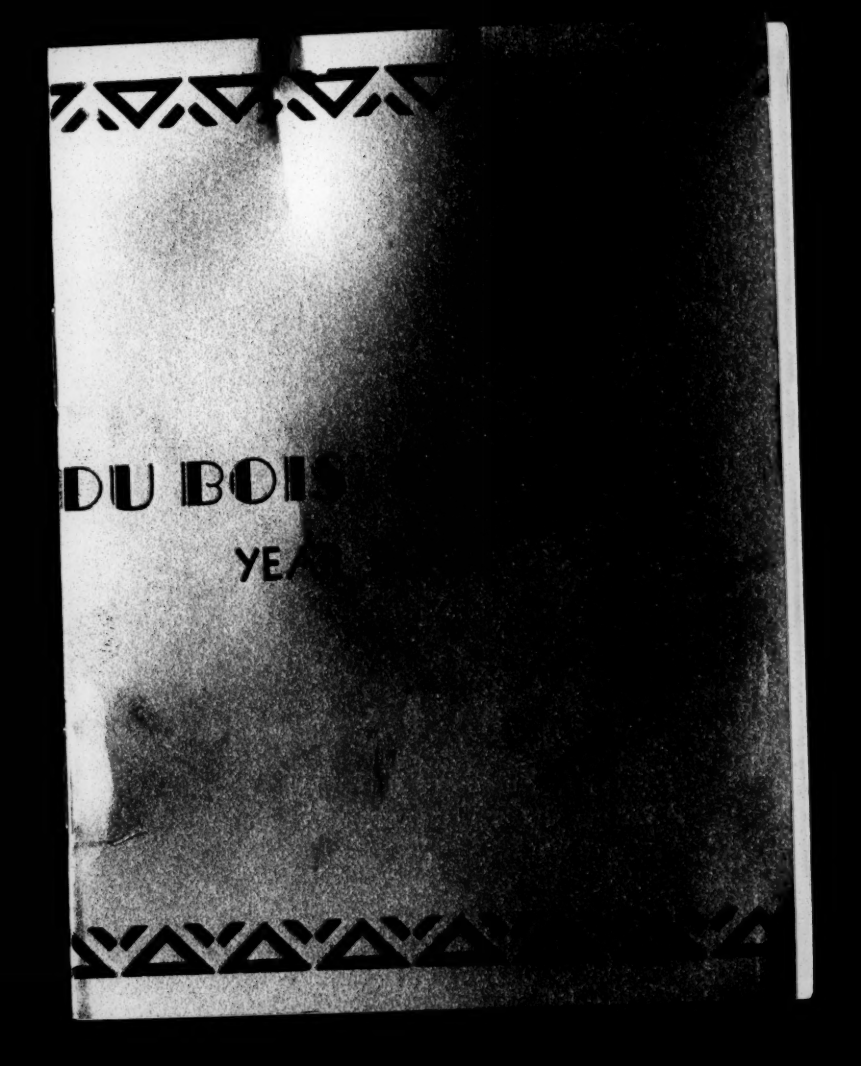
16-4-28

P. S.

February 8, 1937

The Circle hopes your trip has been both pleasant and profitable.

S. R. J.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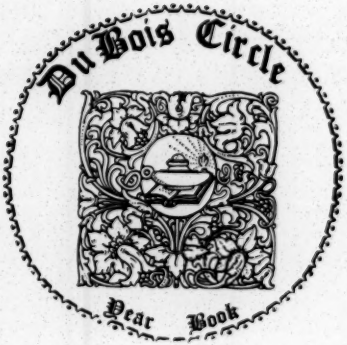

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[DuBois Circle]

February 10, 1937

My dear Miss Jackson:

I thank you for the annual report of the Du Bois Circle, and I am glad to hear of its continued success.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-14-30

Miss Sarah R. Jackson
1217 North Eden Street
Baltimore, Maryland

February 4, 1937

Request for ms

16-13-34

My dear Mr. Wilcox:

The Pan-African Congress has no publications. It sent out in 1919, 1921, 1923, and 1925, various circulars and bits of information. The whole effort, however, of the Pan-African Congress was tentative and the organization never became permanent. It has simply a permanent secretary who can call together future congresses and may do so sometime in the next year or two. The objective of the Congresses was not scientific but rather exploratory, an effort to bring into understanding and communication the main [redacted] of Negro descent throughout the world. So far its efforts have been merely preliminary.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jerome K. Wilcox
Duke University Library
Durham, North Carolina

March 2, 1937

Gentlemen:

I would be very glad if you could extend my lease for eight months from the date of its expiration, at the reduced rental which you suggested from the time of the resigning. Mrs. Du Bois has power of attorney to sign the renewal.

16-19-1

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Apartments, Inc.
2594 Seventh Avenue
New York City
New York

March 10, 1937

Gentlemen:

I would be very glad if you could extend my lease for six months from April first at the reduced rental which you suggested. Mrs. Du Bois has power of attorney to sign the renewal.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Apartments, Inc.
2594 Seventh Avenue
New York City
New York

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

16-19-2

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me a statement of the regulations, etc. for a checking account. I am especially interested in the balance necessary to avoid the "service charge" and the charges per check.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs

Dunbar National Bank
Seventh Avenue and 150th Street
New York City, New York

Department of Sociology February 4, 1937

Manager
Dunbar National Bank
2824 Eighth Avenue at 150th Street
New York City

16-19-3

Sir:

Yesterday I drew a check No. 696 for $1,205.60 in favor of Anthony Buick Incorporated. As this check is larger than I usually draw I am writing to tell you that it is genuine and should be paid.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

April 21, 1937

16-19-41

Dear Sir:

In your debit account for the month of March you credit me with a net average collected balance of $110. I do not see how you worked this out. My balance February 27, was $276.76. I made the following deposits during March: March 6 - $315.

12	215
30	50
31	100

My balance March 31, was $232.34. I shall be very glad if you would explain your figures.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Manager
Dunbar National Bank
Seventh Avenue and 150th Street
New York City, New York

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TELEPHONE
AUDUBON 3-0900

April 26, 1937.

16-19-5

4/28/37

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

We are submitting herewith, at your request, an analysis of your account for the month of March, 1937.

The total daily balances amounted to $5,660.66. This is derived by totaling the amount of each days' balance, and the adding machine tape enclosed, shows these balances. The next step is to analyze the uncollected portion of this balance. For accounting purposes, the available, or, "When Collected" date of each check deposited is considered in dollars. Thus, a $100.00 check on a five day point gives an uncollected balance of $500.00.

The deposits credited to your account, and the method of computing your uncollected balance is as follows:

Date Deposited	Drawn On	Amount	Days to Collect	Uncollected Balance
3/6/37	Atlanta, Ga.	$315.00	3	$945.00
3/12/37	" "	75.00	3	225.00
3/12/37	Pittsburgh, Pa.	50.00	2	100.00
3/12/37	Alabama	50.00	6	300.00
3/12/37	New York	20.00	2	40.00
3/30/37	Pittsburgh, Pa.	50.00	2	100.00
3/31/37	Atlanta, Ga.	25.00	3	75.00
3/31/37	" "	25.00	3	75.00
3/31/37	" "	50.00	3	150.00
	Total Uncollected Balance			$2,010.00

Your total daily balances, $5,660.00, minus $2,010.00, the uncollected portion of your balance, equal $3,650.00 for the total collected balance. This figure divided by thirty one, the number of days in the period, equals $117.00, which was your average collected balance. Our debit slip gave as your balance $110.00, an amount arrived at through use of a chart. Although this chart is not strictly accurate, the difference is not enough to affect the amount of the charge to any great extent.

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April 26, 1937.

16-19-6

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

In this case comparison shows that between a strict analysis, and one with a chart, for a period of thirty one days, on an amount in excess of $5,000.00, the difference is but $7.00 in the total.

We trust this will explain and clarify our method of computing charges. In case it does not please feel free to call upon us for any additional information you may desire.

Yours very truly,

F. C. Hart

Assistant Cashier

FCH:RB

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Dunbar Trade School,
7th & 8th Grade Upper Street
Lexington, Kentucky
March 31, 1937

Request for photograph

4/1/37

16-6-27

Mr. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent 4/26/37

The eighth grade of Dunbar Trade School has decided to study a unit on the Negro. We would be very glad if you would send us a photograph of yourself.

Yours truly,
(Miss) Myrtle Walker
Dunbar Trade School.

Box 54527.
San Quentin, California
March 25, 1937.

Request for information

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Professor of Sociology,
Atlanta University.

16-11-4

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

It is with trepidation that I have taken the liberty of writing to you. In writing to you, I am not unmindful of my present status, but I feel that, as member of the Negro Race, it is my prerogative to bow in deference to one whom I consider to be the greatest Negro leader of the last quarter of a century.

I am an avid reader of the column which you conduct in the Pittsburg Courier. In fact, I have just concluded, with a degree of reluctance, the account of your travels in Japan. Although my imagination is, generally, not a vivid one, your lucid, human description of your departure from Yokohama made me feel as if I were standing by your side sharing your experience.

Of especial interest to me were your remarks about your finding some of your own literary gems in a Japanese library. I think that I have read all of the larger contributions which you have made to the world's literature, including "Black Reconstruction in America," for which I am especially thankful.

It is, indeed, gratifying to know where one can find material with which to controvert such vicious anti-negro propaganda as that disseminated by Thomas Dixon in his books, "Leopard's Spots" and "The Clansman".

And now, my dear Dr., comes the inevitable request. Because of the fact that I am very much interested in social Phenomena, and because I regard the Church as our formost Social Institution, I have decided to seek a churchman's career. I should be very glad to have your opinion as to the social trends in this field of activity.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois.

If you have the time and inclination, I should appreciate your telling me the names of books which have a high pro-negro Propaganda value. And, also, the name of the publisher from whom I can secure copies of the speeches which vou have delivered on various occasions. Dr. Carter G. Woodson edited "Negro Orators and Their Orations," but I am sorry that he did not include any of your speeches. Only yesterday, a World War veteran was telling me of the brilliant appeals which you delivered to our boys in France, in an effort to restore a rapidly disintegrating morale.

16-11-5

And now, my dear Sir, I come to the real purpose of this letter. Please accept my profoundest personal gratitude for the inestimable service which you have rendered to humanity in general, and to our group in particular.

I am yours respectfully,

Harley Dunwall

April 13, 1937

My dear Sir:

16-11-6

I thank you for your kind words. I regret to say that only a few of my speeches have ever been published. As for the books which you spoke of I should imagine that Brawley's "Art and Literature in America Today" and Woodson's "Negro in our History" would suit your purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Harley Duvall
Box 54527
San Quentin, California

January 6, 1937

My dear Mr. Dyson:

Permit me to acknowledge, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, the receipt of your letter of December 20, 1936. It will be brought to his attention upon his return to his desk sometime the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Walter Dyson
Howard University
Department of History
Washington, D. C.

Atlanta, Georgia

15-30 A

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Dyson:

Answering your letter of December 20, 1936, I beg to say that I was graduated from Harvard in 1890 and in 1890-91 and 1891-92 was in the Graduate School, and 1892-93 and 1893-94 a student in the University of Berlin. I then returned to the United States and in the fall of 1894 accepted an appointment of teaching Latin and Greek at Wilberforce University. I was not satisfied with my position there for several reasons, chiefly because I wished to teach in my speciality which was history and economics, and therefore made application to several institutions and I presume that was the reason for my applying at Howard. I do not recall the wording of the application nor whether or not I received any answer.

I thank you for your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Walter Dyson
Howard University
Department of History
Washington, D. C.

Hallettsville Texas

August 20, 1937

Dr. William E. B. DuBois

Atlanta Georgia

Request for info - 1937

Dear Sir:

I am writing a Master's Thesis on "Negro Education In Lavaca County" and in so doing I am developing the philosophy of Negro education in the United States. I am writing to you to find out your philosophy of education for the Negro race--- the type of education you think best for the race etc.

16-12-13

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Respectfully yours,

William A. Estes

16-12-14

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

My dear Sir:

I have written at length on Negro education in several of my books: "Souls of Black Folk", "Dark Water", etc., and in editorials in the "Crisis" magazine from 1910-1931. I beg to refer you to that writing.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. William A. Eilers
Hallettsville, Texas

Department of Sociology

February 26, 1937

16-6-33

My dear Mr. Embree:

Under separate cover, I am returning to you the September, 1936, number of "Fortune" which you were good enough to loan me. It is an exceedingly interesting issue and I am glad that I had the opportunity to see it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Edwin R. Embree
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February 1, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are soon to publish a 48-page booklet describing and promoting the work of the Emergency Peace Campaign. In this booklet, we want to print the pictures of one hundred representative sponsors and speakers from all sections of the United States. We desire very much to include your photograph. If you are willing to have us do so, will you please rush, by return mail, a copy of your photograph?

16-16-7

Sent 2/3/37

We greatly appreciate your continued co-operation.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

KP:LT

Department of Sociology February 5, 1937

My dear Mr. Page:

At the request of Dr. Du Bois I am mailing you, under separate cover, one of his photographs.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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March 16, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-16-8

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We are returning, under separate cover, your picture loaned to us for use in the "No-Foreign-War Crusade" handbook. The handbook is expected from the printer early this week and a copy will be sent to you immediately.

We again wish to thank you most heartily for your support of the Emergency Peace Campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Chester M. Tobin

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16-1-20

October 5, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have your letter of October 1, and I am much interested in your granddaughter. We should certainly like to have in our files her application, to be considered for admission next year.

I am enclosing the application forms which should be filled out and mailed to the School. No immediate action will follow, because the entrance tests for 1938-39 do not begin until next April. At that time, a notice of a test appointment will be sent to all children whose application cards are on file. In the meantime, I should like an apportunity to meet your daughter. At any time that she may be in the City I should be glad to have her telephone the School for an appointment to talk over details.

Under separate cover I take pleasure in sending you a current school announcement.

Cordially yours,

Mabel Towne Burnham

Registrar

MTB EPO
Enclosure

Mabel Towne Burnham

Department of Sociology

February 15, 1937

16-1-21

My dear Mrs. Evans:

You are the kind of friend a person can build on, are you not? You just follow a fellow through and make sure of keeping in touch with him no matter where in the world he is. This gives me tremendous satisfaction.

I was especially glad of what you told me concerning your new book of which I know nothing, and still know nothing.

Will you kindly send me a copy with bill and also send a copy of both "Araminta" and the second book to:

Major Walter H. Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

Send the bill for all three of these books to me.

Also may I congratulate you on the season that you choose for visits to Atlanta? Please come again when I am in South America or India.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Eva Knox Evans
1016 Sixteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

[Eva Knox Evans]

1016 16th St. N.W.
Washington D.C.
March 4, 1937.

3/5/37

Dear W.E.B.D.B.,

Yesterday I sent my books to your Major in California, and my latest to you. I had Putnam's send the books to me so that I could get the discount, so that the total bill is two-forty. I won't like it if you don't accept your copy as a gift. But I should like to know what you really think of it, for I am so in hopes it is better than the first....It was a Junior Literary Guild selection.

16-1-22

I'm working on another now - this for children a little older - called "Key Corner", and I'm hoping to get another publisher besides Putnam's to take it. I'm thinking of Macmillan, because the children's editor is sympathetic with my particular crazy slant, and because they sell better, I think. What do you think of this?

But I shall be in Atlanta some time in April, and maybe you won't be in India or China or even New York, and we can talk about it.

I hope you hated Nazi Germany, but that you had a good trip anyway, and that you're now very busy writing a beautiful book about it all.

As ever,

Eva

Eva Knox Evans

Department of Sociology

March 10, 1937

16-1-23

My dear Eva Evans:

Your letter of March 4 is reassuring but I do not like that "sometime in April". I am fairly certain that the time you have in mind is intended to include April 9, 10, 11 or April 23 to 26. These being the dates when I am not in Atlanta. In which case, and so forth, and so on.

I am busy writing a book which is not about Nazi Germany or any other particular place but about democracy in general. It isn't beautiful but it is very plain.

Thank you so much for the forwarding of the books. Enclosed is a check for $2.40. Whether or not this includes the price of my gift I do not know. I hope it doesn't. That was very fine about the Junior Literary Guild selection. One of these days I am going to read about Jerome.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Eva Knox Evans
1016 Sixteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

16-1-24

March 16, 1937

My dear Mrs. E. E.:

The Lord and certain monied interests in New York are rearranging my April program so that I shall be out of Atlanta April 3, 4, 5, and April 11 to 14, and April 23 to 27. That does leave a few extra days as you can easily figure.

The lady to whom I sent the two books in Oakland is very much pleased and says that "Bobby" will read them with great joy.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Eva Knox Evans
1016 Sixteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

March 20, 1937

16-1-25

My dear E. E.:

This is positively the last rearrangement of April dates. I shall be out of Atlanta the 3, 4, 5 and from the 23 to the 27. All the rest of the time I shall be awaiting your visit.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Eva Knox Evans
1016 Sixteenth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Spanish Theatre 1937

July 15, 1937

16-18-4

My dear Mr. Falling:

I shall need office space in New York from August 30 to September 18. Have you space to rent, and at what price?

I trust this will find you and Mrs. Falling in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur G. Falling
200 West 135th Street
New York City

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16-11-193

February 18, 1937

2/20/37

Request to write article

Mr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I don't know if you have seen our magazine, so I am sending you copies of our last two issues under separate cover.

We are now preparing a special Negro number which we have felt the need of for a long time since most of our readers outside of New York are not as conscious of the Negro problem in relation to Fascism as they should be. Publications like the "New Republic" and the "Nation", let alone more "left" periodicals" never reach them.

We therefore feel duty-bound to carry in this special number something that has been in our program, that is, the discrimination of the Negro and the danger that he will be the "goat" when and if the Fascist tide arises---even more so than he has been. A little education, we feel, will help a great deal in that direction.

I am very anxious to have you contribute an article of about 2,000 to 2,500 words on the Negro and education. I don't think I have to tell you what we should cover in this article. We should speak of the limited opportunities that the Negro is offered in the field of education, the discrimination, our long-standing prejudices, and how the Negro is "hit" especially in the field of education in times of depression. Of course, we should include the progress that has been made since the days of reconstruction and what we have to look forward to in the near future. The deadline for the article is March 20.

I don't have to reiterate, my dear Dr. Du Bois, how important and valuable such a contribution from you in our pages will be in these days when the struggle for Democracy and peace is so bitter. We need your assistance and I look forward to your contribution with a great deal of pleasure and interest.

Sincerely yours,
THE FIGHT MAGAZINE

Joseph Pass

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March 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Pass:

16-11-194

I have your kind letter of February 18, and should like very much to prepare and send an article but my committments are so many just now that I am afraid to promise. I am almost sure I should have to disappoint you. It may be that I can serve you at some later date.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Joseph Pass, Editor
American League against War and Fascism
268 Fourth Avenue
New York City, New York

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Request to write article

March 12, 1937

3/15/37

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-11-196

Thanks ever so much for your letter of March 10th, but I am a little disappointed in your not being certain if you can write the article. Of course, I appreciate the fact that you have committments and also that I have not given you very much time in which to write the article. Nevertheless I feel that I can't do without your article as I want to have a very good number on the Negro. Although I will receive other good articles, I don't see how it is possible for me to put out this number without its containing this article from you on the subject of the Negro and education.

May I make this suggestion. Formerly I gave you the deadline as of March 20. I will now hold space until March 29 if you say that you will write it. I am sure I don't have to reiterate how important this number is, and to point out how much this article from you will help in our common cause towards Democracy and peace.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Pass
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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Lectures - 1937

Dear Friend:

I believe that you share with us the conviction that if the true facts on the Spanish conflict are presented to the American people, they will respond in the way that they ought to respond. They will agree, I am sure, that we cannot stand aside and see Fascism win in Spain. They will understand that everyone who believes in democracy and peace must come to the support of the Spanish government.

We are flooded with requests for speakers who can persuasively present the facts. We already have a considerable number of outstanding people who have agreed to speak for us and we are using them constantly, but we need many more as you no doubt realize.

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We want very much to put you on our list of accredited speakers. Of course, you understand, you will be consulted in each individual case and that you will not be booked for any engagement without your specific consent. We may add that those requests which we will ask you to fill will be from local places and will not involve difficult traveling arrangements.

We enclose a blank which we request that you please fill out and return to us, thus indicating that you are willing occasionally to appear as a speaker for the Committees to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Every day the critical importance of reaching Americans everywhere on the Spanish issue becomes more apparent. Not simply for the sake of our committee, but for the sake of the ideals in which we all believe, will you not say that you will consent to speak for us?

With best wishes and fraternal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Rose M. Schweitzer

Rose M. Schweitzer, Chairman
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Biographical Data

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Fee required, if any, and on what occasions?_____

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Locality preferred_____

Subject speciality, if any_____

Large or small audiences preferred?_____

Please give any additional information that will help us choose the right kind of meeting for you, and also name, for the sake of our records, three people as references:

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICE
100 WADSWORTH STREET
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Lectures - 1937

MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

January 13, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
University of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois,-

At the First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, we have for seventeen years conducted a Community Vesper Service each Sunday afternoon at five o'clock from November to Easter. I am writing on behalf of the church to invite you to address one of these meetings.

15-28-26

These meetings were established because of the conviction that the church should contribute in some effective way to the consideration of all problems bearing on human welfare. To this end we seek as speakers those who have a message for the day in keeping with progressive thought and broad Christian ideals. The enclosed marked bulletins will give you an idea of recent topics and speakers presented. The speaker has from forty-five to fifty minutes for his address.

You may be interested to know that each season we endeavor to have at least one meeting devoted to race relations. Among some of the Negro speakers we have had have been such men as James Weldon Johnson, the late Dr. Hope, Dr. Moton, Dr. Mordecai Johnson, and the Fisk Singers have presented a program of sacred music at one meeting. This season we want very much to have a race relations meeting Sunday, February 21. It is our thought that we may be able to make a trip to Buffalo of greater value by cooperating with the Urban League, that is, have you speak here on the 21st and at their annual meeting the following evening - Monday the 22d. Would it be at all possible for you to come to Buffalo for these two engagements? The combined honorarium would be $125.00.

The Community Vesper Service has attracted the attention of the thinking people of all Buffalo and we can assure you a large representative audience. Our constituency includes business and professional people, social workers, university professors and students, church folk and a goodly number without religious affilliations of any kind.

It is our earnest hope, Dr. DuBois, that circumstances may permit you to come and present whatever may be uppermost in your mind that will help people to think constructively regarding the problems involved in race relations. Inasmuch as other plans depend upon your decision, may I request a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Helen D. Chase

HDC:c

The First Presbyterian Church

The Circle - Buffalo, New York

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Ralph Blake Hindman
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William E. McLennan
Minister Emeritus of Social Service

Eternal God, who makest all things new, and abidest forever the same; grant us to commence this year in thy faith, and to continue it in thy favor; that, being guided in all our doings, and guarded all our days, we may spend our lives in thy service, and finally, by thy grace, attain the glory of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

William E. Orchard.

Morning Worship

Eleven o'clock

There will be no announcement of the hymns

Organ Prelude:

Chorale Prelude on "O man, thy grievous sin bemoan" *Bach*

Choral Introit: *Palestrina* (1524-1594)

Come, let us worship and fall down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is the Lord our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

The Call to Worship: Minister and People responsively

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of Him. . . . For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with His truth.

The Choir

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

The Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: O Love that wilt not let me go 223

The Scripture Lesson: I Corinthians xiii

The Anthem: Jesu, friend of sinners *Grieg-Dickinson*

Reception of New Members

Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory: O Jesus, Lord of mercy great *Leo Sowerby*

The Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

The Communion Meditation: Faith for the New Year

Text: But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians xiii:13.

Hymn: Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face 440

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer and Choral Response

Benediction and a Moment of Silence

Organ Recessional

The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

AIM: Through the free discussion of vital themes by thoughtful men and women of experience, to promote understanding, tolerance, good will, unity of purpose, and courage to meet personal and community responsibilities, according to the spirit and purpose of Jesus.

Organ: Prelude on "As now the sun's declining rays" *Bruce Simonds*

Prayer, with The Lord's Prayer Congregation seated

Choir:

Anthem—With joy we march onward to Zion *Bach*
from Cantata number 182

Anthem—Springs in the desert *Arthur Jennings*

The Offertory: Adagio, from the Sonata in C minor *Guilmant*

The Address: Social Revolution in Europe

DR. RAYMOND LESLIE BUELL
New York

Dr. Buell has been President of the Foreign Policy Association of the United States since 1933, and Director of its Research Department for the past nine years. He is a commentator upon international affairs of exceptional acumen and experience. He has recently returned from three months in Europe. There he had opportunity to observe the tensions resulting from the Spanish Civil War, and he has conferred with intellectuals and government officials in various countries with reference to the present trends in foreign policy.

Prayer and Choral Response

Postlude: Postlude on the hymn-tune "Hanover" *Eric Thiman*

In the Future

January 10—"Are We Wrong or Are the Trends Wrong?" Dr. Henry C. Link, Director of the Psychological Service Center, New York. Dr. Link is author of the well-known book, "The Return to Religion." He has written several technical books on his subject, but "The Return to Religion" is his first attempt to reduce the tenets of scientific psychology into popular usage. During the fifteen years that he acted as advising psychologist in industry, Dr. Link, who is a graduate of Yale, also lectured on psychological subjects at Yale, Harvard, Columbia, University of Pittsburgh and Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute. During the past five years, Dr. Link has directed for various universities nation-wide studies of social-economic trends.

January 17—"Russia Yesterday and Today," Irina Skariatina, formerly Countess Keller and Maid of Honor to the Empress of Russia; author of "A World Can End," "A World Begins," "First to Go Back," "New Worlds for Old." She was the first of Russian nobility permitted to re-enter the Soviet Union. Since 1925 she has resided in the United States.

January 24—"Personnel in Government," Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, President of the University of Minnesota.

The collection received at the Community Vesper Service is applied in whole to the expense of the service and covers only a part of its cost. In order to insure the maintenance of this distinctive service and increase its usefulness, the officers of First Church feel that during this season those who attend will be glad to increase their contributions.

In Memoriam

October 25, 1936—Lucy E. MacIntyre, united June 7, 1917.

November 15, 1936—Emory T. Lyon, united April 18, 1930.

November 30, 1936—Major Theron M. Ripley, united April 10, 1925.

December 11, 1936—Charlotte M. Henshaw, united April 2, 1926.

December 23, 1936—Dr. George B. Neumann, united April 6, 1928. A Ruling Elder since April 15, 1931.

We welcome into our fellowship today the following new members: On confession of faith—Mrs. Marguerite Mathews Barry, 28 Seventeenth Street; Mrs. Walter Behrens, 44 St. James Place; Mrs. Edward L. Brady, II, 120 Mariner Street; Miss Grace Gilles, 196 Tacoma Avenue; Dr. Ivan Hekimian, 43 Highland Avenue.

By Letter—Dr. Walter Behrens, 44 St. James Place, from the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo; Mrs. A. F. Bellanca, 48 Vermont Street, from the First Presbyterian Church, Dubois, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Duncanson, 33 Gates Circle, from the Deer Park United Church, Toronto; Mrs. Ivan Hekimian, 43 Highland Avenue, from Amherst Community Church, Snyder; Mrs. John Maxwell, 175 Linwood Avenue, from the Oakland City Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. F. A. Murray, 170 Highland Avenue, from the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Newton, 21 Larchmont Road, from the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Albany, New York; Mr. Norton McGiffin, 171 Linwood Avenue, from the First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri; Mrs. John Otto, II, 330 Summer Street, from the First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Mr. Jean Valaer, 129 North Street, from the Reformed Church, Ottenbach, Switzerland; Mrs. Jean Valaer, 129 North Street, from the Reformed Church, Chur, Switzerland; Miss Ruth Wickham, 125 North Street, from the First Methodist Church, Middleport, New York.

The Woman's Circle will sew for local charitable institutions Tuesday at ten o'clock. Luncheon will be served at twelve-thirty.

The Women's Evening Club January meeting will be held tomorrow night at eight o'clock. An unsual program in the form of a demonstration of the preparation of "Quick Snacks for Busy People" will be presented by Mrs. Luella Fisher and Miss Mary Ellen McGarry. The Club extends a cordial invitation to all ladies of the church to attend.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration of First Church will be held in a few weeks. Members of the congregation will want to keep in mind these dates: Friday, January twenty-ninth, The Historical Pageant; Sunday, January thirty-first, The 125th Anniversary Sermon by Dr. George A. Buttrick of New York and a Vesper Service of First Church Music; Tuesday, February second, A Reception and Historical Exhibit.

Historical Note: On December 12, 1820, the Holland Land Company through its agent, Joseph Ellicott, deeded the triangular lot bounded by Church, Pearl and Niagara streets to the First Presbyterian Society. The First Church building was of wood and was occupied from 1823-1827, when it was replaced by the "Brick Church" on the same lot. On the opposite triangle stood St. Paul's Church, as it does today, and this location was always called "The Churches." The Brick Church was used until 1890 when the land was sold to the Erie County Savings Bank and the First Church moved to its present location.

On Friday evening at eight o'clock the Men's Club will present the General Electric "House of Magic." This display of the latest developments in the electrical world offers an entertainment difficult of duplication. First prepared for the Chicago Century of Progress and subsequently much enlarged, this entry to another field of interest commands our attention. Those having the season's book of tickets may bring their family without additional charge. For others, admission for adults is fifty cents, and for children under sixteen, twenty-five cents.

[Enclosure]

The Community Vesper Service

Five o'clock

Organ: Prelude — *Dethier*
Aria

The Prayer: (congregation seated)

Choir Selections:

Anthem: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round — *Thiman*

Anthem: The City Glorious — *Curry*
The Welsh tune "Ton-y-Botel" arranged by

Alto solo: Come, ye blessed — The Holy City — *Gaul*

The Offertory: Adoration — *Gaul*

The Address: "The Machine—Master or Servant?"

RALPH BLAKE HINDMAN

After discounting some of the exaggerations of the technocrats, there still remains a tremendous challenge to our economic and social order. The address will give special attention to the social and religious implications presented by this machine age problem.

Prayer and Choral Response

Postlude

In the Future

Feb. 5—"Intelligence in the World of Nature," **Dr. Arthur H. Compton,** one of the most eminent living physicists, professor of physics at the University of Chicago since 1923. Dr. Compton received the Nobel prize in physics in 1927 and in the same year was awarded the gold medal by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

During the past year Dr. Compton, as director of a survey under the auspices of the Carnegie Institute and the University of Chicago, traveled over 50,000 miles, visiting five continents, gathering data on the cosmic rays. There has been a world-wide interest in the resulting difference of opinion between Dr. Millikan and Dr. Compton as to the nature of these rays.

"Since physics has become the basic science," says Dr. Compton, "one may say that the present time is especially significant for all science, and therefore for civilization." "The evolution of our world and of our race is not a mere chance affair. It is now evident to science that there is a directive intelligence back of everything. The new physics admitted the possibility of mind acting on matter, and suggested that the thoughts of men were perhaps the most important things in the world. This conception threw new light on evolutionary processes and gave meaning to human life."

Feb. 12—"Growth as Abraham Lincoln Understood It"—**Ida M. Tarbell,** publicist, author and lecturer, New York.

Feb. 19—"Now Is the Time"—**Dr. William M. Lewis,** President, Lafayette College.

Feb. 26—"The Negro and the Nation"—**Dr. Robert R. Moton,** Successor to Booker T. Washington as President of Tuskegee Institute.

Calendar

SUNDAY

9:45—**Church School.** Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

10:00—**The Adult Bible Class.**

11:00—**Kindergarten and Primary.**

11:00—**Morning Worship.**

3:30—**Girl Scouts** tea. Mrs. Conrad Wettlaufer will present Golden Eaglet awards to Ina Henderson and Margaret Stickney. The Golden Eaglet is the highest award a Girl Scout may earn. Members of the Council and of the Golden Eaglet Chapter will be guests.

5:00—**Community Vesper Service.**

6:15—**The Foursquares:** A discussion group for young people of college age and over. Supper is served in the club room on the second floor of the parish house. Mr. Hindman will lead the discussion.

TUESDAY

2:00—**Woman's Circle** — sewing. Mrs. Charles Niess and Mrs. Clark K. Fraser are hostesses for the tea at four o'clock.

4:00—**Girl Scouts,** Troop 5.

WEDNESDAY

8:00—**Midweek Service** in the Parish House. Mr. Hindman will give the second of four studies in the Book of Jeremiah. The subject this week is "Jeremiah—The Statesman." Other topics to be discussed in this series are: Feb. 8, "Jeremiah—The Rebel Prophet;" Feb. 15, "Jeremiah—A Poet and a Mystic."

FRIDAY

12:30—**The Session:** Regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Buffalo Athletic Club.

7:30—**The Boy Scouts,** Troop 52.

8:00—**Choir Rehearsal.**

Notes

The regular monthly conference of the Women's Missionary Society of Buffalo Presbytery will be held at the Y. W. C. A., 19 West Mohawk Street, Friday morning at ten-forty-five.

The Buffalo McAll, senior and junior branches, will hold an open meeting at First Pilgrim Congregational Church, Saturday, February 4th, at three o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Congdon of Philadelphia, Field Secretary for the junior associations, will speak.

Notes

(Continued)

The two dinner meetings of the Men's Club indicate the possibilities of service to the church on the part of the men. Under the leadership of Dr. Hugh Quinby and an interested board of directors, the Men's Club is promoting church loyalty and fellowship. The next meeting of the club is to be March seventh when Dr. Ralph Sockman of New York will give the after dinner address.

Dr. William H. Kilpatrick of Teachers College, Columbia University, will speak on the subject, "My Child as a Person", at an informal supper, Hotel Statler, Friday, February 3rd, at six-thirty o'clock. The meeting is sponsored by the Parents' League and the Parent-Teachers Alumni Association of the Park School. Reservations must be made by February first through Mrs. Clifford Hubbell or Mrs. Rumsey Wheeler.

In every period of adjustment strong hearts have spelled peril in terms of power. Facing the realities of the problems of their day they have learned courage instead of despair, faith instead of fear, unselfishness instead of self protection. Their courage was no mere "whistling in the dark" but a determined resolution to solve their difficulties. And so today, no man can read the signs of the times without sensing the same spirit of earnestness. The liquidation of the war, the mastery of the machine, the problem of unemployment, these and many other tasks are challenging the leadership of the world. Let there be an intelligent, fair-minded public opinion ready to follow leadership that marks itself as truly for the service of all. The year will be marked by international conferences. Nothing will be done toward a successful solution of the problems considered—our problems—in a spirit of cynicism and despair. Let the emphasis therefore be on faith and hope. Better days are ahead of us not behind us. Our spiritual resources are adequate. God is not depressed. He is with us "to give not the spirit of fear; but of power and love and a sound mind."

R. B. H.

1934-35 [Endosure]

The Community Vesper Service

Sunday, November 4, at five o'clock the Sixteenth Annual Series of the Community Vesper Service will be opened.

Through the free discussion of vital themes by thoughtful men and women of experience, the church seeks to promote understanding, tolerance, good will, unity of purpose, and courage to meet personal and community responsibilities, according to the spirit and purpose of Jesus.

The program for November and December is as follows:

November 4—Honorable Roscoe Pound, Dean of the Law School, Harvard University. Dean Pound is internationally known as one of the outstanding legal thinkers of the day. He is a man of large horizons and great visions. To hundreds of students, he has been an inspiration for the highest development of the law. He began the practice of law in Lincoln, Nebraska, has served as professor of law in the University of Nebraska, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and since 1913 has been Dean of the Harvard Law School. He is the author of many books and articles having to do with the philosophy of law, and the question of law and morals. Dean Pound is also internationally known as a botanist. He is affiliated with numerous scientific assocations in America and in Europe. Whatever subject Dean Pound may decide to present is certain to be of interest to all.

November 11—"Judiasm, Christianity, and Germany," Ralph Blake Hindman.

November 18—"Where Is Europe Going Today?" **Sir Frederick Whyte,** London, England. For nine years a member of the British Parliament, a former President of the Indian Legislative Assembly, and later Political Adviser to the Chinese Government, he is known throughout America as an illuminating lecturer on international affairs.

November 25—"The Glory of the Commonplace," **Louis Untermeyer,** New York. Poet and practical business man, Mr. Untermeyer is frequently referred to as "a versatile genius." He is a gifted interpreter of the new era in art and literature.

December 2—"Scientific Analogies for Social Interpretations," **Dr. Karl T. Compton,** President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was affiliated with Princeton University from 1915 to 1930. He is Consulting physicist for the Department of Agriculture and for the General Electric Company; a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Stabilization of Employment; member of the Commission of Enquiry of Department Communications and Transit, League of Nations; and an active participant in many scientific and research organziations in the United States and in Europe.

December 9—To be announced.

December 16—Dr. Albert G. Buzter of Westerminster Presbyterian Church, Buffalo.

December 23—The Christmas Vesper Service.

Among those to come later in the season are:

David Seabury, Consulting psychologist, New York.

Dr. George E. Vincent, formerly President of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York.

Mr. J. Middleton-Murray, Author and Journalist, Norwich, England.

Miss Grace Abbott, for thirteen years Chief of the Children's Bureau at Washington, now Professor of Public Welfare Administration at the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, President, Chicago Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, Dean of Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

Dame Rachel Crowdy, Distinguished English speaker; Head of the Social Questions Section of the League of Nations.

Dr. Henry P. VanDusen, Union Theological Seminary.

There will be two **Musical Vesper Services,** under the direction of Mrs. Wallace: Brahms' Requiem will be presented in March and Bach's, "The Passion According to St. Matthew," Palm Sunday.

Announcements

SUNDAY

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10:00—**The Adult Bible Class.**
11:00—**Beginners, Primary and Junior** departments.
11:00—**Morning Worship.**
6:30—**The Foursquares.**

MONDAY

8:15—**Organ Recital:** American Guild of Organists, Buffalo Chapter.

TUESDAY

11-12 — **Mr. Hindman's conference hour.**
2:00—**Woman's Circle,** sewing.
3.00—**Woman's Circle** monthly meeting.

WEDNESDAY

11-12 — **Mr. Hindman's conference hour.**
4:15—**Girl Scouts,** Troop 5.
8:00—**Midweek Service** in the parish house.

THURSDAY

11-12 — **Mr. Hindman's conference hour.**
6:30—**Men's Club** dinner meeting.
8:00—**Women's Evening Club Council.**

FRIDAY

11-12 — **Mr. Hindman's conference hour.**
7:30—**Boy Scouts,** Troop 52.
8:00—**Choir rehearsal.**

SATURDAY

11-12 — **Mr. Hindman's conference hour.**

The Foursquares meet in the parish house this evening at six-thirty. Following supper, Mr. J. Crate Larkin, vice-president of the Larkin Company, will speak on the subject, "Social Credits." Young people of college age are invited to meet with the group.

Dr. Emily Hickman, who spent the summer in Germany and attended the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Geneva, will speak at a world fellowship silver tea at 245 North Street, tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, Mr. Hindman will give the first of a series of midweek addresses on the theme, "The Message of the Minor Prophets to the Life of Today." The subject this week is "Hosea—The Prophet of Love."

Cards announcing this series are on the table in the narthex. You may use them as an invitation to your friends.

At the organ recital to be given in this church tomorrow evening at eight fifteen, an exchange program is to be played by Rochester organists for Buffalo Chapter, American Guild of Organists. The artists are Miss Catherine Crozier, Mr. Squire Haskins, and Mr. Harold D. Smith, University Organist at Cornell. Members of the congregation and friends are invited.

The Woman's Circle welcomes to its monthly meeting Tuesday at three o'clock all women of the congregation interested in the fellowship and service of the Circle. Mrs. William C. Warren and Mrs. Arne Ursin-Smith are to speak on their recent European trips.

Mrs. Daniel H. Squire and Mrs. George S. Buck are hostesses for the tea at four-thirty.

Thursday evening at six-thirty the Men's Club is to have the first of a series of dinner meetings. The Honorable Norman Hapgood, former United States Minister to Denmark, editor, author and political commentator, is to speak on the subject, "Washington and Industrial Democracy." In public address, Mr. Hapgood is epigramatic and forceful to an unusual degree.

All men of the congregation and their friends are invited. Those who are not holders of membership books in the Mens' Club, and who desire to hear Mr. Hapgood, may make reservation by calling the church office, GRant 7250.

There is a very special need for two men's suits, size forty, and one suit and a heavy coat for a boy thirteen. Parcels may be left at the church office for Mrs. John E. Morgan, Chairman of the National Missions Committee. There are increasing needs in the parish. Clothing and household supplies would assist greatly in some of the homes where resources have been exhausted.

[Enclosure]

The Community Vesper Service

1936-1937

The Community Vesper Service will be resumed Sunday, November eighth, at five o'clock. This year First Church is honored in having on that afternoon the city-wide Armistice Sunday meeting in which the Buffalo Council of Churches and local peace organizations are cooperating. **Walter Millis,** historian, author of the book, "Road to War," and editorial and staff writer of the New York Herald-Tribune, is to be the speaker. Mr. Millis is now in Europe making a special study of international relations. His subject will be announced on his return to this country.

Among other speakers on the program this season are:

November 15—**The Rev. Dr. Ralph Blake Hindman.** Dr. Hindman will speak out of his summer experiences in Great Britain on the theme, "Bewildered Britain."

November 22—**Dr. Felix Morley,** 1936 Pulitzer Prize winner in editorial work.

November 29—**Sir Willmott Lewis,** the American correspondent in Washington for the London Times.

December 6—**Negley Farson,** author of "The Way of a Transgressor."

December 13—**Dr. Henry Goddard Leach,** author, and editor of the magazine, "Forum."

After the new year: **Dr. Raymond Leslie Buell,** President of the Foreign Policy Association of the United States; **Dr. Henry C. Link,** Psychologist, Director of the Psychological Service Center of New York; **Countess Irina Skariatina,** formerly of Russia; **Dr. Lotus D. Coffman,** President of the University of Minnesota; **Dr. Arthur H. Compton,** Physicist, University of Chicago; **Elmer Rice,** Playwright who has just returned from a world tour studying the theatre as a social force; **Dr. Louis L. Mann,** Rabbi at Chicago Sinai Congregation.

The Christmas Vesper Service will be held December twentieth. There will be two Musical Vesper Services, one on the afternoon of January thirty-first in connection with the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the church, the second on Palm Sunday, March twenty-first.

The Ministry of Music

Squire Haskin, Organist and Choirmaster

Sopranos	*Altos*
Florence Ralston	Helen Lambert Jones
Rose Elling	Garnett Flesher
Marion Faist	Harriet Keating
Susan Skillington Priebe	Marian Tweedy Shepard
Tenors	*Basses*
John Priebe	Harold Ames
Gilbert Corbin	Glenn Burnham
John Doel	Percy Chatwin
Austin Ganger	Arthur Mildenberger

Announcements

SUNDAY

9:45—**Church School:** Senior and Intermediate departments.
10:00—**The Bible Class:** Dr. McLennan, leader.
11:00—**Nursery, Beginners, Primary, and Junior Departments.**
11:00—**Morning Worship.**
6:00—**The Foursquares** at the Church Camp.

MONDAY

4:00—**Girl Scouts, Troop 5.**

TUESDAY

10:00—**Woman's Circle:** Sewing with luncheon at twelve thirty.
11-12—**Dr. Hindman's Conference hour.**
3:00—**Woman's Circle:** Monthly meeting.
4:00—**The Anniversary Pageant Committee.**

TUESDAY

5:00—**Church Group VII,** Mrs. Charles R. Whiting and Mrs. Spencer Wolfe, leaders.

WEDNESDAY

11 - 12—**Dr. Hindman's conference hour.**
8:15—**Organ Recital** by Mr. Squire Haskin.

THURSDAY

11 - 12—**Dr. Hindman's conference hour.**
8:00—**Choir rehearsal.**

FRIDAY

11 - 12—**Dr. Hindman's conference hour.**
5:30—**The Mothers' Club.**
7:30—**Boy Scouts, Troop 52.**

SATURDAY

11 - 12—**Dr. Hindman's conference hour.**

Wednesday evening at eight fifteen o'clock Mr. Squire Haskin, our organist and choirmaster, is to play an organ recital. This is Mr. Haskin's first recital since his coming to Buffalo and to First Church. The program will include Bach's "Passacaglia and Fugue," the "Choral in E Major" by Cesar Franck and a "Fantasia" by Jerome Davidson, a resident of Buffalo and a member of First Church.

The Foursquares meet at the Church Camp this evening. Miss Edith Balassa is the speaker. Beginning next Sunday evening, the meetings will be held in the parish house.

A discussion class for young people over high school age will meet Sunday morning, November first, at ten o'clock. Mrs. Marion A. Porter is to be the leader. Mr. Horton will be glad to secure names of young people interested.

The Buffalo Peace Council will hold a mass meeting in State Teachers College Monday evening, October nineteenth, at eight o'clock. Congressman Walter G. Andrews, Rev. Earl Frederick Adams, and Professor Norman J. Whitney are to be the speakers.

The Women's Evening Club is to have a party in the parish house Monday evening, October twenty-sixth. Bridge and other table games will be played. An invitation is extended to all who desire to share in the evening's entertainment, especially to business and professional women of the congregation.

The Buffalo Waldensian Aid Society is to have a Rally Luncheon in the parish house of this church Thursday, October twenty-ninth, at one o'clock. Reservations may be made through Miss Harriet M. Buck. The Rev. Robert W. Anthony, General Secretary of the National Society, is to be the speaker.

The Woman's Circle will begin the weekly sewing meetings Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. There are many articles already on hand to be made for local hospitals. The Red Cross work and sewing for parish needs are also included in the weekly assignments. A luncheon will be served each Tuesday by one of the Church Groups.

The monthly meeting of the Circle is to be held at three o'clock Tuesday. Following a brief business meeting, Mrs. Horace Reed is to speak on the subject, "The Far East."

January 16, 1937

My dear Miss Chase:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January thirteenth. Dr. Du Bois very recently arrived in San Francisco from a trip around the world and is now on his way to New York City. Your letter will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to his desk in Atlanta early in February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Miss Helen D. Chase
The First Presbyterian Church Office
100 Wadsworth Street
Buffalo, New York

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Atlanta, Georgia

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MISS HELEN D. CHASE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY VESPER SERVICE

January 20, 1937

1/25/37

Miss Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-28-27

Dear Miss Diggs:

Thank you for your letter in reply to the invitation I sent Dr. Du Bois. I am wondering if there is not some way in which this matter could be brought to his attention immediately. I think you will readily understand that, inasmuch as the date is in the near future, other plans are dependent upon Dr. Du Bois' decision. I should be very glad to have you telegraph him at my expense if a telegram seems the right way to bring the invitation to his attention. Anything you can do to aid in securing Dr. Du Bois' favorable consideration of our request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Helen D. Chase

HDC:MTS

P.S. - Since writing the above I have learned that due to unforeseen circumstances it is not going to be possible for us to cooperate with the Urban League as suggested in my letter to Dr. Du Bois. Will you be good enough to explain to him and say that we would still want very much to have him at our Community Vesper Service and that the honorarium would be $100 for that engagement. I do not feel it would be fair to ask him to come for less to one engagement. Thank you for the courtesy.

HDC

January 25, 1937

My dear Miss Chase:

I have your letter of January twentieth and I am forwarding by air mail a copy of it to Dr. Du Bois at his New York City address.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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RUTH ANNA FISHER
REPRESENTATIVE IN ENGLAND

29 ABERCORN PLACE
ST. JOHN'S WOOD
LONDON, N. W. 8

Feb. 14, 1937.

Dear Burghardt,

I had the best of intentions about writing, but first of all a very badly sprained ankle (This is now the 22d.) kept me in such throes of pain that I couldn't do anything.

And I do work hard for my living.

Did you become a Nazi?

Did you find the paper on Raw Materials + Colonies waiting for you?

Your books will go off shortly.

This is only a note to welcome you back home. I promise to write soon.

Our government has made me a Disbursing Agent now so that I sign government checks my own among others. Don't assume that this means I'm richer because it doesn't. I go to Italy for Easter.

Love,

Ruth Anna

S12-7-91

Department of Sociology

March 10, 1937

My dear Ruth:

I think for ~~accumulated and dear~~ of inexplicable injury you stand way above the ordinary mortal. Don't go now and sprain your neck. I did not become a Nazi, and I did find the paper on raw material and colonies for which I am deeply obliged. I have received the books with intense surprise and great thankfulness.

16-7-46

I am glad of your new honors and while, of course, this does not directly inure to your wealth there surely must be some pickings. At any rate congratulations and envy for the Italian trip. By the way if this reaches you in time, while you are in Italy pick up anything you can concerning the larger plans that Italy has in and for Africa. I am curious.

I arrived in Honolulu for Christmas and on New Year's day in San Francisco; from there to New York I had seven remunerative lectures, and I got down here February 2 and have gotten my classes started, and am writing on my book on democracy.

Let me hear from you.

With best love,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
29 Abercorn Place, Flat 174
St. John's Wood
London, England

March 20, 1937

16-7-47

My dear Ruth:

Two or more letters within a single year from you makes me quite inarticulate, and I am also abashed by a person who can take two vacations a year - one to America and one to Italy. Such affluence in my circle of acquaintances is unheard of. First of all I have received the books. Many thanks. The little matter of the six shillings I shall ignore not wishing to affront you. Also thanks for the word about our mutual friend. The letter is destroyed and the ashes buried. I appreciate the clippings and when you go to Italy secure notes and books of any kind that will help me in my article on Africa.

I am glad to know of the immanence of the Negro problem in your system. Once born to the purple and it is altogether to be rid of it. I hope you are not planning to miss the coronation. What would the royal family do? I hope your official connection with South Africa will go through. Kindly make all the mistakes in our favor that you can, and I have as you know, a high regard for your ability in this line.

You will find Bunche very charming and also Davis. Turner I do not know so personally, but he is a scholar. Will you kindly give Mr. John Schlink the assurance of my distinguished consideration.

If you do not actually enjoy life I have nevertheless always felt that you enjoy poor health which the next best thing. I am so glad that you and Marian are living near. Avoid each other as much as possible so as to keep up the friendship. Of course you know that the implications of your explanations are paradoxical. How physical impossibilities can lead to evident possibilities gets beyond me but they happen often in my case. I hope this note will get to you before you leave for Italy.

With best love,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
29, Abercorn Place, Flat 174
St. John's Wood
London, England

TELEFONO 3-21

TREMEZZO GRAND HOTEL
TREMEZZO
(LAC DE COMO)

CAV. G. SANPIETRO DIR.

April 9, 1937.

Dear Burghardt,

What wouldn't I give to see you in one of your inarticulate moods!

16-7-48

If you are abashed by a person's having a holiday in America and Italy in one year, to say nothing of a contemplated return here in June and a summer holiday in the Austrian Tyrol and at the Salzburg festival, what do you think I feel about knowing some one who takes his holiday, you needn't pretend it wasn't! in England, Germany, Japan, the Pacific Ocean and the western part of the United States. Such travel is not yet for the likes of me.

The only way in which you can affront me about the six shillings is by not paying me.

I have only just had a letter from Miss Colbeck in which she says that she had just seen Dr. Stokes and he says if they get the money for the Negro Encyclopedia they will want some work from me. When is this going to come about as I want more money.

I like the Bunches, Turner and Davis, although the latter is the loudest nigger I have heard for some time. And the obscene jokes those people know pleased my very soul.

I had those people and some others at my flat for a party before I came away. Now who says Sin prejudiced? And didn't I invite you there, too.

I haven't the faintest idea what you mean by physical impossibilities leading to mental possibilities. Elucidate yourself, sir.

You are entirely mistaken if you think

TELEFONO 3-21

TREMEZZO GRAND HOTEL
TREMEZZO
(LAC DE COMO)

CAV. G. SANPIETRO DIR.

I enjoy your wealth. It has been inflicted upon me. And I bear my afflictions - all but one - bravely.

I am back in London by the 12th when I shall expect a long letter from you and I am not used to being disappointed. Besides I won't tell you anything about Italy if you don't write.

I gave $10 to the John Hope Memorial Fund. Don't you think I should be invited to Atlanta?

As always,

Ruth A.

11-7-49

Ruth Anne Fisher

FLAT 174,
29, ABERCORN PLACE,
ST. JOHN'S WOOD,
LONDON.

April 25, 1937.

MAIDA VALE 6023.

15-7-50

Dear B,

This is the book you will want. It is the Italians own account of their plans, methods etc.

I had a lovely time for Italy was at its best, weather, flowers and everything.

As always, Ruth

July 14, 1937

My dear Ruth,

Excuse my silence. Things have been a bit hectic what with the closing of school and the opening of summer school, and the heat, and my work. I presume this will find you lolling in some German spa or at the seaside or among other evidences of wealth.

There is one thing upon which I want your wisdom. We have just issued a statement concerning places where material on the Negro can be found. I am enclosing a copy. I wish you would supplement this so far as you know about England and the continent. I don't know how large a job this is but never mind the size of it. Just do it at your leisure whether it takes a week or the stray hours of the year. It looks as though the Carnegie Foundation might be induced to help the Encyclopaedia idea. And, of course, if they do it will be easy to get others. Nothing, however, is settled as yet, although we have done a good deal of valuable preliminary work.

Are you taking a trip to America this summer, or is it to Norway? I shall be in New York a good deal of the time.

My best regards to Marian and tell her that I am composing a very interesting letter for her which explains my long delay. I am quite well and hope you are.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
29, Abercorn Place, Flat 174
St. John's Wood
London, England

October 20, 1937

16-7-52

My dear Ruth,

This is simply to express my very distinct opinion that you are a pig.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
29, Abercorn Place, Flat 174
St. John's Wood
London, England

MAIDA VALE 6023.

FLAT 174,
29, ABERCORN PLACE,
ST. JOHN'S WOOD,
LONDON.

16-7-53

Dec. 16/1937.

Dear B.,

Copy reference

Little as you may think it I have been busy, too busy to write. My holiday consisted of ten days by the English sea side.

On September my beloved Chief, Dr. Jameson, died, and the world haven't been the same to me since.

Besides my own work I'm looking after the historical interests of two states, a U.S. Senator, our Embassy here when they have need of it, and on the side I'm doing some

Treasury 70 / 1-1692 African Companies

" 71 / 1-1626 Slave Compensations Records.

Perhaps this is enough for a beginning.

Because ~~as~~ I'm getting older & nearly ready to die I regret greatly much of my past life and that's another reason why I haven't written.

Greek philosophy makes me appreciate virtue in ~~all~~ the meanings the Greeks gave it.

Good wishes for the New Year.

Ruth

John Schlicks aged 1 year

reading in Moral Philosophy.

I meant to look up some information about materials on Africans etc. here, but I have not had the time. I never do anything unless I'm well paid, any more.

But perhaps their Public Record Office references will help.

F O i.e. Foreign Office 84/1-1529 (vols.) Slave Trade

F O 312/1-43 Slave Trade Cape Town

313/1-67 " Havana

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I wonder what Hitler would say. Is my Rodan.

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" 71 / 1-1626 Slave Compensations Records.

Perhaps this is enough for a beginning.

Because I'm getting older & nearly ready to die I regret greatly much of my past life and that's another reason why I haven't written.

Greek philosophy makes me appreciate virtue in all the meanings the Greeks gave it.

Good wishes for the New Year.

John Schlote aged 1 year Ruth
2 mos. is my Godson. I wonder what Hitler would say.

reading in Moral Philosophy.

I meant to look up some information about materials on Africans [illegible] etc. here, but I have not had the time. I never do any thing unless I'm well paid, any how.

But perhaps their Public Record Office in Kumasi will help.

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Journal of Negro Sociology

Department of Sociology

February 17, 1937

18-2-68

My dear Mr. Johnson: Personal

Ever since coming to Atlanta University I have had in mind the publication of a quarterly Journal of Negro Sociology, or one with some such title covering the subject matter of the Negro in the social sciences. I have talked it over with some of my colleagues. We realize that such a journal could only be assured of success with your cooperation, and the cooperation of the Department of Sociology at Fisk, and possibly one or two other institutions like Dillard and Talladega. I am writing to ask how this strikes you, and if you would be interested in joining with us in editing and publishing such a journal; and if so, whether you could arrange a conference very soon.

I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

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February ~~20~~, 1937

16-2-71

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am very much interested in your suggestion of the desirability of publishing a journal devoted to materials in the social science field dealing with the Negro. I confess to playing with the idea intermittently since leaving Opportunity to come South. There is a great wealth of material and, along with this, a need for some medium of expression for the growing body of mature students on the faculties of the Negro colleges. You could give to such a venture an experienced leadership.

I shall be pleased to discuss this matter further in conference.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

FISK UNIVERSITY
Department of Social Science
Nashville, Tennessee

Charles S. Johnson
Director

February 30, 1937

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Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Department of Sociology February 24, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of February 20. I am very glad that you are interested in this matter. When I came to Atlanta University three years ago one of the first things I did was to discuss with President Hope the desirability of a University quarterly. I was thinking then mainly in terms of Atlanta University, and the publicity value of such a quarterly, as well as its value as a vehicle of scientific work.

16-2-69

President Hope was naturally slow in making decisions and was at that time sick, so that the matter never got beyond the stage of casual discussion, although I prepared some specific plans. Two years have passed since my plans were put into his hands and nothing further has been done. This year the discussion has arisen again among various teachers of sociology, economics, history, and psychology; but no actual step as yet has been taken.

What many of us had in mind first was a Journal of Negro Sociology, or Negro Journal of Social Science, or some such name as that, published by the departments of social science in Atlanta University and sponsored by the University. Then we went further to ask if this would be not only unnecessarily narrowing the scope but illogical in the face of the fact that Fisk University had done so much in social science and other institutions were distinctly interested. We thought then of a journal sponsored by Atlanta University with an intercollegiate board of editors.

Beyond that we came to the conception of the possibility of an intercollegiate journal, that is, a journal sponsored by Atlanta and Fisk and perhaps one or two other schools and edited by men on their faculties, with the idea of gathering and concentrating such talent and scientific research as we had upon the main object of a real publication.

We have also considered the contents of such a magazine and the following suggestions have been made:

a. articles and monographs on various subjects which specialists were pursuing in the field of Negro social science

b. work of Negro social scientists in any field of social science in which they were interested and had a contribution

c. a regular statistical summary of the present status of American Negroes with regard to the chief lines of accomplishment and well-being, physique, health, participation in government, religion, family, work and income, crime, etc.

Department of Sociology

d. a carefully annotated record of current history touching American Negroes and other Negroes and the colored races done in paragraphs with cross references and bibliographical material, and with high standards of judgment and emphasis.

e. notes on references to the Negro in other periodicals.

f. book reviews, etc.

This is the present state of our ideas and discussion. I should be very glad to know how far your thought has paralleled or supplemented ours, or expanded in other directions, and I hope we may have a conference very soon. I suggest that Mr. Reid, Mr. Logan and myself might meet you and anyone else that you suggest either in Nashville or here, or any other place, and have a thorough discussion. May I hear from you at your convenience; first, as to your ideas as to what the proposed journal should be, and secondly, as to the time and place of conference?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

16-2-20

February 25, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Would the week-end, March 5-6, or Monday or Tuesday in the second week, or any time between the 24th and the end of the month suit your purpose for a meeting of Mr. Reid, Mr. Logan, yourself and myself, and perhaps one other person from our Department?

It is possible that I could come to Atlanta, but I would find it a much greater convenience if it developed that the trip to Nashville could yield some advantages to yourself. The month of March, it so happens, will have to be broken so frequently by trips away that I feel a certain amount of conscience about adding another occasion, if I can get around it. I am expecting to see Reid at some time during the month, on another matter, and we could make one meeting serve both purposes.

Your outline of the possible contents of such a magazine, as proposed, is broad enough to include any notions that I might have in this respect. However, it seems to me that the important discussion respecting policy, organization, form, style and support, would fall within the limits of this broad framework. I shall be very glad to go into these matters at some length in a discussion.

Perhaps you might find it interesting, in planning for a publication of this sort, to spend a part of a day in Nashville, examining some of the kinds of materials and explorations and projects which have been accumulating here. I can provide for your entertainment here, and the weather may be such as to make a trip by automobile agreeable.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-10

March 2, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Mr. Reid and I have been in consultation as to when we might meet. Both of us are pretty well tied up for this month. He, therefore, suggests April 1, 2, or 3, thinking that perhaps we might combine the conference with the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Of course, the conference need not necessarily be in Birmingham, but either here or Nashville. Kindly let me know how this strikes you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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16-4-20

March 9, 1937

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

It is, perhaps, just as well that our conference is planned for early April. There will be opportunity for discussion in Birmingham on the 2nd and 3rd. In fact, I shall have to spend an extra day there for a meeting of the Alabama Conference of Social Work.

It occurred to me that you might find it useful in planning for such a publication, as well as for the Encyclopedia, to examine some of the materials and documents in the social science field assembled here. Perhaps this can come later.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

March 15, 1937

16-4-21

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I have consulted with Reid who has just returned from Washington. We think that the best thing to do would be to have a preliminary conference in Birmingham April third or fourth, and then later to have a conference in Nashville. Would this suit you, and could you find us a place in Birmingham where we could meet for a few hours and be at peace? I know nothing about the city.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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16-4-22

March 25, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Arrangements have been made for your accommodation at the residence of Mrs. B. J. Anderson, 1012 Eleventh Avenue, North, Birmingham. This is a very comfortable place, near the city. I have just learned that James Weldon Johnson found it a quite satisfactory place on the occasion of a recent speaking engagement in that city.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-23

April 5, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I am very sorry indeed to have had to miss our conference in Birmingham. I went to Washington Sunday night March 28 to appear at hearing for federal aid to education Tuesday morning, March 30. They kept me sitting around there until Friday afternoon, April 2, so that it was impossible to keep my appointment with you. I shall write you later and hope to be able to come to Nashville.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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16-4-24

April 7, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Birmingham conference lacked some of the spontaneity and hard light of the year before but it was, nevertheless, interesting, and I believe you would have found it worth attending. Reid mentioned to me while there that you had been delayed in Washington.

I shall be looking forward to our conferences in Nashville when you can find it convenient to make the trip. Could you suggest a time when this would be convenient from your end? My scheduled dates away during the month of April are from the 9th through the 12th; the 17th to the 19th; and the 29th through the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-25

April 15, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I think we will have to plan the trip to Nashville for a week-end in May. April is all taken up, but either the 8, 15, or 22 will suit us. How does that strike you? I am sorry it has been so difficult to plan this meeting but my time has been unusually full on account of being away the first semester.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

X of May

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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16-4-26

April 16, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

May 8th will be a quite suitable date for me for our conference, or, if this is later found impossible, May 22nd.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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16-4-27

April 21, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Mr. Reid and I have agreed upon May eighth. We will come up Saturday the eighth and return Sunday afternoon.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Mister Reid Doctor Logan and myself will arrive in Nashville Saturday afternoon
May eighth two thirty

W. E. B. Du Bois

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16-4-29

May 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I enjoyed the trip to Nashville very much and want to thank you for your hospitality. I think we really accomplished something. I am sending a rough memorandum of our conference just for purposes of comparison. Later I shall send you further suggestions. I really think we made history.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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May 18, 1937

16-2-72

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I had to go away shortly after your visit, and have just returned to find your note.

The discussions opened up some substantial possibilities and left a rich deposit of interest and enthusiasm for the venture. It was an unexpectedly long first step.

You mentioned that you were sending a rough memorandum of our conference. Did you intend to enclose it in that or a later letter?

I have made some notes and begun some inquiries regarding costs and possible resources.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

p.s. The memorandum came this morning. Many thanks.

16-4-31

June 17, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

This letter came here and got opened by mistake, but I am forwarding it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

16-4-32

July 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I have wanted to write earlier concerning our project of a quarterly journal but the change of the presidency here has made it seem unwise at present to try to get any official action. The group here petitioned the Board of Trustees before their last meeting to get their consent for the establishment of the journal but the whole meeting was taken up with the matter of electing a president and the journal did not come up at all. It will, therefore, be impossible to get official board action until next year. Rather than wait that long before getting to work what Mr. Reid and I propose is this: that the journal should be issued as we had planned January first under the joint auspices of professors and instructors of Atlanta University and the Department of Social Science of Fisk University with a supplementary statement that the Universities accept no responsibility for the publication. Before, of course, we went even that far I shall approach the new president and tell him of our plan to begin the journal so far as Atlanta University is concerned under the auspices of professors and instructors, but doing this with the hope and expectation that the Board of Trustees next spring would bring in the University as one of the constituent publishers. This procedure would have one advantage and one disadvantage. The advantage would be without too much executive interference and red tape we could get out exactly the kind of magazine that we want to, and face the Board with a fait accompli. The disadvantage would be that we could not get an University appropriation until the Board took action.

Will you kindly let me have your thought on this plan and procedure? I am fairly certain that if we once launch the kind of magazine that we have in mind there would be no objection, and on the other hand, a rather eager desire to help with the enterprise. On the other hand, if we wait we lose a precious and perhaps decisive year.

I shall be here until July 23, and shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

July 19, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-2-73

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been somewhat concerned to know whether or not any headway had been made in getting Atlanta University formally to share sponsorship of the type of publication which we discussed. As I indicated in our recent conference, there would probably be no difficulty on this end, so far as the University is concerned.

Thinking primarily of the materials for presentation, and the manner of presenting them through a quarterly magazine, I believe that, for our part, we could function almost as well one way as the other. There is a certain apparent stability and permanence if the two institutions have a part in backing such a publication.

I quite agree with you that such support under some conditions can lead to embarrassing problems. If a university contributes to the support of a social science publication, there is no reason why it should not contribute to the support of a literary journal or a natural science or foreign language publication. The alternative to this, from the point of view of the university, would be to encourage the publication of a much wider variety of articles than is good for any magazine.

A next logical step would be a discussion of the problem of underwriting such a publication for the first few years. To do that, I suppose, we should have fairly advanced in our thinking the type of article, the format and the probable audience. I shall be here all summer with the exception of about two weeks the first part of August, when I expect to be in the East, partly on business and partly to catch my breath.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-33

July 22, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

We have your letter of July 19. We are both of us going to be in New York from August first to August fifteenth, and we think it would be an excellent thing if we could get together for a day or so and talk this matter out. We are eager to have the magazine appear January first without further delay. After it has appeared we can take up the matter of its adoption by the two Universities. This, of course, makes the problem of its initial support of primary importance. We can talk about that in August and also the other details which you mentioned. Our addresses in New York are as follows:

Mr. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3-A

Mr. Reid
75 Saint Nicholas Place
Apartment 6-A

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Ira De A. Reid

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

16-2-74

July 24, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I shall get in touch with you and Mr. Reid in New York as early as possible after my arrival, which will fall during the period mentioned.

It looks as if I shall not be leaving here until after the 2nd of August and I shall be motoring, which means that it will probably be nearer the middle than the first of the month.

I am very anxious to begin taking some positive steps.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

16-2-75

August 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The attempt to get in touch with Mr. Jackson Davis and Mr. Favrot yielded the very significant information that the General Education Board is undergoing, at the moment, some far reaching changes in organization. The Richmond office appears to be closed. I expect, however, to see Mr. Davis in North Carolina around the middle of September.

A letter from Dr. Park, sent from Bahia in South America, asks that I pass on to you the following information. He is returning by way of London and will try to see Westermann and some others connected with the journal Africa, with reference to the Encyclopedia, and he is also bringing back a number of books on the Negro in Spanish, French and Portuguese as well as English. Also, he expects to get from the Bahia connection something interesting for the magazine. He will write you at greater length when he can get a stenographer.

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Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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FISK UNIVERSITY
Department of Social Science
Nashville, Tennessee

Charles S. Johnson
Director

August 30, 1937

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Gecrgia

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Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

16-4-34

October 1, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

This is just a line to say that since writing you last I have had an opportunity to take up the matter of the support of the Journal with the General Education Board, and can at least report that the idea was not regarded as out of the question. I have an invitation to present this formally for Board action. I believe if we develop a careful memorandum on this, for presentation, it can get a hearing and possibly some action. Are there any further matters to clear on the Atlanta end before presenting this as a project, and would you like to be giving some thought to the content of such a memorandum?

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-35

October 20, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Yesterday I spent an hour and a half talking with Jackson Davis of the General Education Board. Among other things I brought up the matter of Race and Culture and the possibility of help. I showed him a copy of the suggested petition which I mailed you. He said nothing definite but seemed to be sympathetic with the proposition.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

October 22, 1937

16-4-36

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging the receipt of the memorandum on the Race and Culture Journal. It is, characteristically, a good statement. Before anything goes off, I shall want to put the whole document in your hands again.

I am glad you had an opportunity to talk with Jackson Davis. I am led to believe that if we can make the case strong enough there will be no great difficulty in getting support for it.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

10-4-37

December 2, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I have been waiting patiently for some word from you and am wondering if any of your letters have gone astray. I was talking with Mr. Jackson Davis and Mr. Stevens the other day in New York on a matter of the Encyclopaedia. I did not mention the periodical for fear that I might be talking out of turn and I did not know exactly what you were doing. I hope you have not lost interest in the idea. I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

FISK UNIVERSITY
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

December 6, 1937

16-4-38

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Indeed I have not lost interest in the matter of the Journal. It is a fact that for the past two months I have been considerably battered about by problems incident to my work here and various extensions of it through outside organizations. I am expecting to see Mr. Davis when I go to New York around the 18th of the month.

Would it be possible for me to get another set of the outline prepared by you for the Encyclopaedia? My set was turned over to Dr. Park, and between the two of us we cannot put our hands on it at the moment.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-39

December 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Answering your letter of December sixth, I am glad to know that you still have the matter of the journal in mind.

I am not quite sure as to what you mean by the "outline prepared for the Encyclopaedia". I am enclosing two statements. Do they cover what you wish or is there something else?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

(Fleming)

814 2nd ave
Salt Lake City Utah
Oct 21st 1937.

Dear Prof Dubois:- I fail to find your weekly article in the courier this week. Have you discontinued these articles? what other papers are you writing for? I have followed your articles ever since I have been able to read and I want to continue as long as I can get them. We would like to know if there is a possible chance to have you speak in Salt Lake next year. Perhaps at the University? Let me know your terms.

yours Respectfully
M. H. Fleming

16-9-48

(Fleming)

October 26, 1937

16-9-49

My dear Sir:

The manuscript for my article in the Courier for October 15 was somehow lost in the Courier office and has not yet been found. Other letters, however, will appear regularly.

I should be glad to lecture in Salt Lake City in 1938, if I could get some other engagements between here and there. My usual charge for lectures is one hundred dollars out of which I pay my own expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. M. H. Fleming
814 Second Avenue
Salt Lake City
Utah

February 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Lee:

I would be able to lecture at your college Saturday, March 20, 1937. The charge would be fifty dollars. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. R. E. Lee
The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College
Tallahassee, Florida

15-28-71

The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College

J. R. E. LEE, PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

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15-28-72

Dr. W E B Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter advising you will be willing to pay us a visit March 20. I regret that this date has already been designated for another feature. I wish to suggest the date, Saturday, March 27 instead of March 20. If that date is not suitable then we shall have to play a day during the last week in March, Tuesday or Wednesday, March 23 or 24. We shall await your advice.

I am very glad you have been able to plan to come here.

Yours very truly,

J. R. E. Lee

JREL:ACB

J R E Lee, President

Department of Sociology

February 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Lee:

I can speak for you Saturday,

March twenty-seventh.

15-28-73

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. R. E. Lee
The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College
Tallahassee, Florida

The Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College

J. R. E. LEE, PRESIDENT

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Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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15-28-24

Dr. W E B Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

We shall be glad to arrange for your lecture here on Saturday evening, March 27, as per your letter. Please advise the time of your arrival.

Yours very truly,

J. R. E. Lee

JREL:ACB

J R E Lee, President

April 12, 1957

15-28-75

My dear Mr. Lee:

I am a little late in writing to thank you for your hospitality. I enjoyed the visit to Tallahassee very much, and was astonished and gratified to see the development of your school.

My best regards to you and your daughter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. R. E. Lee
Florida A and M College
Tallahassee, Florida

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Miss Ellen Irene Diggs
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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My dear Miss Diggs:

In accord with your letter of May 5, we are very glad to send to Dr. Du Bois the last two issues of the Quarterly Journal. The subscription price is $1.00 a year.

With appreciation and esteem, I am

Yours very truly,

J R E Lee, President

JREL:CEB

[FLORIDA A+M - Quarterly Journal]

May 10, 1937

My dear President Lee:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to enclose his check in the amount of one dollar in payment for a year's subscription to the "Quarterly Journal".

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

16-7

President J. R. E. Lee
Florida A and M College
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626 Virginia Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas
May 2, 1937

Request for photograph

5/5/37

16-6-28

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Alanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Sir:

I am compiling material for a proposed book, tentatively titled, "A Hundred Personalities". This proposed book is an attempt to put in the hands of individuals, authentic and up-to-the-minute information regarding Negro progress from a National standpoint. And designed especially for college students of Orientation and Negro History.

Besides Biographical sketches of a hundred selected personaged, data on education, population, religion, business and etc., will be included.

It is not to be construed this is an attempt to exploit your name or work, nor any financial obligation on your part. But what we consider the method in obtaining complete authentic information.

We would appreciate very much id you would submit at your earliest convenience, a 200 word biographical sketch of your life, accompanied with your latest photo. Present plans indicate "A Hundred Personalities" will go to the press on or about May 22, pending your cooperation.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain as,

Yours truly,
C. William Floyd
C. William Floyd

May 6, 1937

16-6-29

My dear Mr. Floyd:

I am sending, under separate cover, a photograph of Dr. Du Bois, and a copy of his biography which appears in "Who's Who", 1936-37. Other biographical material will be found in the first chapter of his book "Darkwater".

This matter is furnished you with the distinct understanding that there is no obligation, expressed or implied, involving any payment of money or any purchase of the proposed publication.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. C. William Floyd
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January 17, 1937.

15-30-11

Mr. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Logan:

Responding to your letter of January 4th, it gives me great pleasure to enclose herewith my small contribution toward the DuBois Birthday Fund. Having been a fellow member of the class of 1890 at Harvard, I have followed Dr. DuBois' career with great interest and have been delighted at his increasing influence as the years have passed. I would be glad if you would extend to him my very personal congratulations on his 70th birthday.

Sincerely yours,

HOMER FOLKS.

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February 25, 1937

16-7-37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Chestnut Street,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Upon arrival at my office this morning I found a copy of the following telegram from my secretary: "Mr. H. A. Hunt, Care Western Union Main Office, Atlanta, Georgia. Doctor Caliver says date has not yet been set for house public hearings on bill for Federal aid. Martha Goldman."

I called Western Union in Atlanta twice yesterday but it had not been received before I left. However, I left a memo with direction that the message be sent to you, with a notation authorizing you to open it. Fearing that you may not have received it I am writing promptly to give you the information desired.

I have just had a talk with Dr. Caliver over the telephone. He informs me that the Senate hearings have already been held, as you thought. He states that the NAACP, the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, and perhaps some other organizations, are working together in an effort to have some Federal control over the proposed appropriation, and that Dr. Charles Thompson, Department of Education, Howard University, is chairman of a committee looking after the matter. I shall endeavor to keep in touch with the situation and notify you in ample time to appear before the committee if you desire to do so.

Inclosed you will find an extra copy of this letter for Mr. B. T. Harvey who gave me a long-distance call asking for this information. If not convenient to give him this letter it will be all right, I am sure, to telephone him.

If by any chance my brief case was left in your car, I would appreciate it if you would have it wrapped and sent by express or parcel-post to me at 1520 R Street N.W., Washington, D.C. Kindly have it insured for $20.00. I do not remember seeing it and think Timothy forgot to put it in the car.

Inclosed you will find a copy of the Federal Credit Union Act under which Federal credit unions are organized, also copy of a recent release in which you may be interested. I am sorry this release fails to mention teachers and members of churches as eligible groups.

Whenever you are coming this way I should appreciate it if you would let me have a line beforehand, with the hope that I might be able to see you and possibly have you "break a glass of water" with me.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Hunt, Principal.

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February 9, 1937

My dear Professor Frobenius:

I tried in vain to see you last summer while in Germany but unfortunately you were absent in Italy, and I did not get an opportunity to go there.

16-7-43

I am interested in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro which has been projected by a number of American scholars including both whites and Negroes. You will note a partial list on this letterhead. In addition to this I have received promises of cooperation from Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Von Eichstedt of Breslau, Professor Woelfl of Vienna, Professor De Cleene of Belgium, Professor Homburger of Paris, and others.

I write you asking your interest and eventual cooperation. We propose an Encyclopaedia of four large volumes to be issued in the years 1938 to 1942. We shall of course pay all collaborators and I hope you will allow us to use your name as one who approves the project and is willing to cooperate.

I am sending some literature herewith. May I hear from you at your convenience?

Sent 2/9/37

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor Leo Frobenius
Forschungsinstitut Fuer Kulturmorphologie
Gr. Eschenheimerstr. 26
Frankfurt A. M.
Germany

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Translation]

President of the Institute for the Investigation
of Culture Morphologie

Frankfort on the Main February 24, 1937

16-1-45

My dear Mr. Du Bois:

I thank you for your letter of February 9 which I have read naturally with all possible interest. I have asked my representative for my North American business, your countryman Mr. Fox, to keep this matter in mind. As far as I can now say Mr. Fox during the early days of April will have our exhibition in the Museum of Modern Art in New York. I, myself, will probably be at the opening of the exhibition, April 28, possibly. This will give me the opportunity to take up this matter at that time. I am very sorry that you were not able to find me last year.

With highest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Leo Frobenius

Herrn
Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Leo Frobenius]

Empfehlungsbrief f. Hr. Fox

16-1-44

FORSCHUNGSINSTITUT FÜR KULTURMORPHOLOGIE

DER PRÄSIDENT FRANKFURT/M

24.2.37.

Sehr geehrter Herr Du Bois!

Haben Sie Dank für Ihr Schreiben vom 9.Februar, dem ich natürlich alles nur mögliche Interesse entgegenbringe. Ich habe meinen Vertreter in nordamerikanischen Angelegenheiten, Ihren Landsmann Mr. Fox, beauftragt, die Angelegenheit im Auge zu behalten. Soweit ich es übersehe, wird Mr.Fox in den ersten Tagen des April zur Vorbereitung unserer Ausstellung im Museum of Modern Art in New York sein. Ich selbst werde voraussichtlich zur Eröffnung der Ausstellung am 28.April ebenfalls dort eintreffen. Möglicherweise ergibt sich eine Gelegenheit, die Sache dort zu behandeln.

Es hat mir sehr leid getan, daß Sie mich im vorigen Jahr nicht antreffen konnten.

Mit dem Ausdruck der vorzüglichsten Hochachtung
Ihr sehr ergebener

Herrn
Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[General Education Board]

Jackson Davis

April 16, 1937

16-5-35

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have just received from Mr. Stokes a copy of your letter to him with regard to the Encyclopaedia. I hope very much that I shall have the opportunity of talking the situation over with you when you come to Atlanta. I shall be here this month until the twenty-fourth and after May fourth.

In the doubts which you mention as influencing the Board it seems to me that they indicate the advisability of further consideration. First of all with regard to the separate category into which the Negro falls; I think it is clear that we are facing a well known fact, namely, that there is not a group in the world that during the last century has been so set apart in geography and thought as the Negroes of the United States and Africa. This is so perfectly clear that when you mention this group no doubt arises in the mind of anyone as to whom you mean or as to the outlines of their group history. They have been much more separate in fact and in conception that the Jews, the Catholics, or the Irish, and form almost as definite a conception as the English, the French, and the Germans.

Secondly, in the case as to whether the time has arrived for a scholarly and judicial treatment of these people; I have found concensus of opinion among scholars in the United States and Europe as to the timeliness and necessity for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. In my discussion with Dr. Oldham and Dr. Malinowski of England, Professor De Cleene of Belgium, Dr. Homburger and Dr. Labouret of France, Professor Westermann and Professor von Eickstedt of Germany, and Professor Woelfel of Vienna; the question as to whether it was time for such an Encyclopaedia simply did not arise for discussion. They all of them without any argument assumed that it would supply a pressing need. So far as I have been in correspondence with American scientific men I have found the same concensus of opinion. It seems to me that the view of such persons should be taken into account by your Board.

Finally, as to the arousing of racial consciousness in the Negro and the danger that such an Encyclopaedia might be as a piece of propaganda rather than a scientific work, there is room for some apprehension. When I first considered the possibility of an Encyclopaedia I thought of it as

a work done by Negroes which should be in the main a defense of their position and a statement of their history and condition from their point of view. After four years consideration I have changed my attitude because the possibility of something more important has been presented, that is: it is pretty clear that we can get the scholars of the world who are interested in Africa and who have studied it to cooperate in such an Encyclopaedia; and that among those scholars there is a large enough number of Negroes in the United States and Africa to take their place on a high scientific plane and in this way we can expect to have a work which from the beginning will be recognized for its scientific impartiality and will not be simply a document to express the Negro point of view. This, of course, is a larger and more worthy object and the reason I did not embrace it at first is that it did not occur to me that such world and interracial collaboration was possible. I am sure on the other hand that it is possible today and under such circumstances I think all danger of its being an over-leaning expression of racial consciousness will be allayed. On the other hand, you must remember that the group consciousness that has been aroused among Negroes is not a passing thing. There will not be a time until we are long dead that there will be less racial consciousness among Negroes than today. It is a natural phenomenon and is increasing in its intensity. It must remain as long as the great body of legislation upon which segregation and discrimination is based remains; and as long as the customs centering around that are valid. What is needed under those circumstances is not a pause to await the time when Negroes forget what their present situation is, or cease to feel discrimination; but rather for the sake of scientific accuracy to set down today the situation in as calm and unprejudiced and exact terms as possible.

I shall be glad, if you have time for conference a hour or two when you come here, to put before you the letters and documents calculated to proves the above theses.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City, New York

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16-5-37

Encyclopaedia Letters - 1937

April 28, 1937

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This is my first opportunity to reply to your letter of the 16th regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. As you may know, Dr. Stokes' letter bringing the matter to our attention came on the eve of Mr. Stevens' departure for Europe and it seemed advisable to postpone a conference with you and Dr. Stokes until his return next fall. It is evident that you have done much valuable preliminary work and that you have had encouragement from scholars in this country and abroad whose cooperation would be valuable. I appreciate the invitation to discuss the proposal in light of your further study and I look forward to a conference with you the next time I am in Atlanta.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jackson Davis

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

JD:G:LC

December 2, 1937

16-11-50

My dear Mr. Stevens:

In addition to the rather formidably piled manuscript which we left with you the other day, it has occurred to me that you would like to see some abstracts from the letters of various persons of importance who have written us concerning the project of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am, therefore, enclosing a few such copies. You need not return them. The originals are on file in this office and I will be very glad to send any of them to you if you should so wish.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. David H. Stevens
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49 West 49th Street
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DAVID H. STEVENS
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December 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Mr. Stevens has asked me to thank you for your letter of December 2nd, and for the abstracts of various letters concerning the project of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro which you enclosed with it.

Very truly yours,
Marcella Richardson
Secretary to Mr. Stevens

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
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16-6-26

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Dr W.E.DuBois.
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Ga.

Dear Sir:

We are General Subscription Agents and supply schools with race books and pictures.

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Iwrite to ask you to send us late photo of yourself (bust) from which we can make enlargements. (photo will be returned if desired) We are agents for all of your books.

Thanking you in advance for co-operation,and hoping early reply,I a m

Yours for progress of race,

R.D.Hunt

R.D.Hunt
Mgr The General Subscription Agency

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[Georgia Assn. of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools]

Regarding organization - 1937

16-12-32

March 18, 1937

Memo to Mr. Harvey:

The round-trip to Washington is $25.55 and pullman $10.00. The expenses would comprise of two or three days at the rate you suggest at $5.00 a day. I should imagine that the total expenses would be between $50 and $55.

Mr. B. T. Harvey
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

[Georgia Association]

Education

March 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Harvey:

I think the amendments to this bill are satisfactory with one exception and therein lies the whole point of the contention. On page 3 of the memorandum it says: "the United States Commissioner of Education shall report thereon at once to the Secretary of the Interior who shall transmit said report to the Congress, and if the United States Commissioner of Education shall find that a State or Territory has not complied with Section 7 or 8 of this Act the United States Commissioner of Education shall not certify any further apportionment to the State or Territory affected until said State or Territory has complied with said provisions." That ought to be amended so as to read "complied with section 3, 7, or 8." The ommission of section 3 in this connection is significant and absolutely impossible of our acceptance.

16-17-1

As the amended act now stands, the United States Commissioner of Education can stop the funds of any state which does not have a 160 day term for each public school, and which does not appropriate in the future at least as much for the schools as it did in 1936; but it does not allow the Commissioner of Education to stop the appropriation if the state does not make "a just and equitable distribution and expenditure of said funds among the several public schools of that state". The only thing that can be done in case of such injustice is to report the matter to Congress.

It is barely possible that there is a typographical error on page 3 and that it should read section 3, 7, or 8.

Mr. B. T. Harvey
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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16-17-2

April 15, 1937

Dr. W.E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Attached are two checks for $17.02 and $7.03 to take care of the balance due on your trip to Washington.

I want to express to you the appreciation of the Georgia Association of Negro Colleges and Secondary Schools for your fine contribution at the committee hearing.

Yours very truly,

B. T. Harvey

BTH/eth

February 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Holley:

I beg to say in answer to your letter of November 5, 1936, that I could speak at Albany Friday night, March 19, 1937. The charge would be fifty dollars. May I hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. W. Holley
Georgia Normal and Agricultural College
Albany, Georgia

15-28-76

Department of Sociology

February 22, 1937

15-28-27

My dear Mr. Holley:

I wrote you sometime ago offering to speak at Albany Friday, March 19. I find that will be impossible, but I can speak Friday, March 26. Please let me know at your earliest convenience lest that date be taken.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. W. Holley
Georgia Normal and Agricultural College
Albany, Georgia

Georgia Normal and Agricultural College

ALBANY, GEORGIA

2/25/37

February 24, 1937

15-22-78

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. BuBois:

We had already begun advertising the 19, as the date of your appearance here, but we have changed it and shall expect you, without fail, on Friday, March 26th.

Resepctfully yours,

J. W. Holley

J. W. Holley
President

JWH:M

Georgia Normal and Agricultural College

ALBANY, GEORGIA

3/11/37

March 10, 1937

15-28-29

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

If you have any printed matter in connection with your lectures, and particularly the one to be delivered here on the 26, at 8:00 P. M. please send me some of it.

I hope your Committee will be able to go to Washington.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Holley

J. W. Holley
President

JWH:M

March 15, 1937

15-23-50

My dear Mr. Holley:

I regret to say that I have no printed matter in connection with my lectures.

I shall drive down from Atlanta on the twenty-sixth, arriving there sometime during the afternoon. I shall have with me the clerk of this department, Miss Diggs, and would be glad if you can arrange a stopping place for her. We go on to Tallahassee the next morning.

My ability to go to Washington to the House hearing on the educational bill depends entirely upon when it comes. The Senate hearings unfortunately were closed before we heard of the matter. The date for the House hearing has not yet been set.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President J. W. Holley
Georgia Normal and Agricultural College
Albany, Georgia

April 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Holley:

I have been so busy since I came back I have not had a chance to thank you for your hospitality, and to tell you and Mrs. Holley how much I enjoyed the opportunity of seeing your school.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

15-28-81

President J. W. Holley
Georgia N and A College
Albany, Georgia

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Mr. W. E. B. DuBois,
% Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-16-9

Dear Sir:

Your letter relative to your fans, addressed to Mr. A. V. McCorvey, has been turned over to me for reply.

Am sorry that you have been having trouble with these fans, and if you will bring them into the Appliance Repair Department, 84 Walton Street, we shall be glad to do everything possible to make them run satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Barrow,
Commercial Sales Dept.

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Electric fans

July 21, 1937

Sir:

16-16-10

I have written and telephoned you several times concerning two electric fans which I bought of you May 18, through Mr. McCervey for $29.90. I was assured that these fans were first class machines but after less than two months' operation it is impossible to get them to oscillate. You promised to send out two fans and take these back, but when the workman came he brought no fans. I assume that you wish to give your customers satisfaction, and you certainly have not in this case. May I have your attention in this matter not later than Saturday morning?

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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March 13, 1937

Request to write article

Mr. William Edward Burghardt du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-11-197

Dear Mr. du Bois:

Last fall when we wrote to you asking for contributions, you were kind enough to answer our letter saying your writing schedule did not permit time for additional work. However, we were not discouraged, for we realized that an ace-high writer must be continually harassed by similar requests.

But now we think the case is different. Fancy has at last become fact, and GLOBE is on the stands. We believe that you will agree with us that it is a sturdy little magazine with meat on its bones, and has a great amount of appeal for a great many people. So strong is our faith in the intrinsic quality of GLOBE that we are sending you a copy, hoping that it may prick your imagination and make your fingers itch to send us a piece.

Sincerely,

GLOBE MAGAZINES, Inc.

J. W. G. Dunn, Jr., Editor

JWGD/dt
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1937.

NEW PUBLICATION COMMENDED FOR ITS ORIGINALITY

Magazine Globe Praised for Offering Short, Chatty and Altogether Human Studies of Human Society All Over World.

By JAMES GRAY.

The magazine called Globe would be worthy of a salute for the brilliancy of its first issue from the most fastidious, the most captious or the most spoiled of critics. Let us, therefore, ignore the local-boys-make-good aspect of the thing. It is true that the idea originated in the minds of a group of St. Paul residents, that it has been tenderly nourished by them for two years and more, that the careful campaign for launching the new publication has been conducted from a smart, modernistic office not many blocks from where I sit writing these worshipful lines. But very much more important and more interesting than the mere gossip concerning the genesis of the magazine is the fact that it is good.

When anything of distinction appears in a world famed for its patience with mediocrity, one begins to look around for a reasonable explanation. Globe, I suppose, is good because it is based on a good and original idea. You may have supposed, as I did, that the magazines have covered the field of human activity quite decently; more than that, they have seemed to swathe our interests in the suffocating folds of duplication. There are, of course, admirable travel magazines, too: Aristocrat in appearance, informative, sober and purposeful. Still it remained for the bright young men (and women) who imagined Globe to see that there was still an opportunity for a publication to be original by offering short, chatty and altogether human studies of human society in various corners of the world. In Heine's phrase, these are pictures of travel: Casual, intimate and completely engaging.

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Proceeding on the charmingly naive assumption that there was no harm in asking, the young editors of Globe have approached the world's best writing men and women for material. What amazes me is that they have got it. In their all-star show you will find such people, casually and good-naturedly rubbing shoulders, as Ezra Pound, Paul Mornd, Count Byron de Prorok and Sisley Hiddleston. These are the names which you know best because they have been attached to a great number of books. Quite as interesting to me are contributors like the brilliant young poets, Frances Frost and Jesse Stuart (both writing prose for Globe), like the excellent novelist and interpreter of American life, Hope Williams Sykes and like the distinguished Irish writer, L. A. G. Strong.

Globe appears to have no [illegible] determination to be improving. Its articles are simply about the moments of drama, the accidental contacts, the picturesque happenstances that have interested the highly cultivated people who are its contributors. You will turn from the description of a dress rehearsal for a possible air raid in Paris to the pathetic and woeful picture of a young Nazi guide in Berlin; from that to an interview with the witty and civilized Lin Yutang, author of "My Country and My People", and then on to a description of the Marseille about which the tourists and the movies do not know, or a discussion of devil-worship in the smart salons of London's Mayfair, a note on the humorous perils of wife-purchase in Liberia, a glimpse of a charming lunatic sitting on a tomb-stone in a church yard in Jamaica and so on and on in a pleasantly purposeless fashion. This is the way that much-traveled, humorous and intelligent people talk at a dinner party. It is a very pleasant surprise to be introduced into their society in this delightfully off-hand way.

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Too much cannot be said in praise of the decorations and whole make-up of the magazine. Most of the drawings and sketches are by Montfort Dunn and Alexander Masley, both of our own community. For his notes on Parisian cooking, Hilaire Hiler has of course made his own smart illustrations in his own easily recognizable style. Two sisters whose delightfully unpronouncable name is de Leeuw have collaborated on text and illustration for the article called "Cremation in Bali". Where they serve the purpose, better striking photographs have been used. This is the case with Regelio Perez's article on the confused and undignified comedy of the bull fight in Portugal. But for the most part Mr. Dunn and Mr. Masley have varied their gifts to suit the mood of each contribution in turn. I am impressed with many things but with nothing more than the two pages of Spanish workers used to illustrate Sisley Hiddleston's article on the "Tragic Land".

Globe is about the size of "The Reader's Digest". Its 130 pages may be conveniently put away in an overcoat pocket and brought out wherever one happens to be to occupy a few moments with its strikingly varied charms.

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I exonerate Globe of any suspicion of having an editorial policy beyond that of being as interesting as possible. It wishes obviously to encourage resourceful and experienced men and women to follow the example of Walter Duranty who says in the title of one of his books "I Write as I Please". Thus Sisley Hiddleston chooses to be very discreet in what he has to say about Spain and Ezra Pound is outrageous and extremely audacious in his discussion of Edward's abdication. In a little note on his article Pound quotes Remy de Gourmont's declaration that "To write frankly what one thinks is a writer's sole pleasure". If Globe will stick to that motto it will continue to be as admirable as this first issue indicates that it intends to be.

I have followed the de Gourmont principle in writing frankly what I think of Globe and it has been a great pleasure.

Request for recommendation

711 Edith Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee
September 2, 1937

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Professor of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

16-6-49

I am seeking employment as supervisor of recreation in Dixie Homes, local P W A housing project, and I should be very grateful if you would recommend me for this position to Mr. Andy Miller, Director of Personnel, Office of the Mayor, Shelby County Court House, Memphis, Tennessee. Furthermore, I should be very thankful if could give me further assistance through your contacts with governmental and housing officials.

I am enclosing my record of qualifications, a copy of which is also on file in Mr. Miller's office, in order that you may have a comprehensive view of my particular background.

I feel that I am qualified to give competent direction to the recreational work at Dixie Homes, and I would do my best, if employed, to prove myself worthy of your highest endorsement.

Yours very truly,
Louise Torrence Gloster
Louise Torrence Gloster

[Enclosure]

Record of Louise T. Gloster

Address...711 Edith Avenue, City Phone number...3-4959-M
Age...27 Height...5 feet, 4 inches Weight...127 pounds
Health....Excellent. No defects of sight, sense, or hearing, nor any other physical handicap
Place of birth...Atlanta, Georgia
Length of residence in Atlanta...24 years, 1910-1935
Length of residence in Memphis... 3 years, 1935-1937

Education

Grade School	1916-1924	E.P.Johnson School	Atlanta
High School	1924-1928	Atlanta University	Atlanta
College	1928-1932	Atlanta University	Atlanta
	(Received B.A. degree in Sociology in June, 1932)		
Graduate Work	1932-1934	Atlanta University	Atlanta
	(Received M.A. degree in Sociology in June, 1934)		

16-6-49

Research

1931 Survey of Congested Living Conditions in Atlanta, Georgia
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1933 Preliminary Survey for Building of University Homes, Negro Housing Facility in Atlanta, Georgia
Sponsor: P W A

1934 Master's thesis: "The Social Activities of the Negro Churches of Atlanta, Georgia"
Note- This thesis supplied many suggestions which have brought about improvements in the organization and social activities of the Negro churches of Atlanta, Georgia

Employment

June, 1934- June, 1935....Social worker for F E R A in Atlanta, Georgia
September, 1935- January, 1937.....Teacher in Co-Operative School, Walker Avenue at McDowell Street Memphis, Tennessee
May, 1936- August, 1936...Organizer and director, without compensation, of vacation recreation center for 245 children of 14th Ward of Memphis, Tennessee
February, 1937- March, 1937....Emergency social worker for American Red Cross during Mississippi Flood Disaster at Memphis, Tennessee
July, 1937- August, 1937.....Temporary social worker for Social Security Regional Office at Memphis, Tennessee

210 West 150th Street

New York City

September 8, 1937

16-6-50

My dear Mrs. Gloster:

I am glad to hear from you, and I am enclosing at your request a recommendation to Mr. Miller.

My best regards to you and your husband.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Louise Torrence Gloster
711 Edith Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

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ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO

16-1-52

Dear sirs,

May I express my willingness to cooperate in any was in the above project. I fear that collaboration in the work would be somewhat limited, but perhaps useful. My researches have been mainly archaeological, save for some research into the question of the African enslavement of Africans (i.e., under tribal and individual native control, not European.).

My only publication to date on this subject has been

Goodwin. A.J.H.
The Conception of Slavery in Africa.
South African Journal of Science. XXIV. 1927. pp 537-548.

Hoping that my cooperation may be of use,

I remain, yours truly,

A J H Goodwin.

A.J.H.Goodwin.
M.A..,F.R.A.I., F.R.S.S.Af.

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

My dear Shirley:

I am sending herewith one or two of my plays. Please read and return with comments.

I remember Chicago and you with great pleasure. It was a pleasant interlude. I hope the work is going. I am in Atlanta at last.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. DU Bois

Miss Shirley Graham
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Chicago, Illinois

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Princess Theatre
319 South Clark

February 25, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Box 354
Atlanta, Georgia

11-45
10/1

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been wanting to write you of all the good fortune that came to the Princess Theatre following your visit to us. About two weeks after you were here, I managed to secure the rights to the production of a play which I had been trying to get ever since being here -- "Mississippi Rainbow". The author came out from New York. Many of the demands made togive us these rights were exorbitant, but I managed to convince our administrators that the play was worth the price and so with the help of a big time director brought from Broadway, I set to work casting and setting in motion all the machinery for this production. I am enclosing a copy of the letter sent out two thousand strong this week. It is self-explanatory. I have also written a choral number which I am calling Mississippi Rainbow to be used as a musical introduction to the third act. Here is a copy of the words, also submitted for your approval.

I was so happy to receive "Blackman" and "Seven-Up". I have not yet had the opportunity to read them. We are rehearsing night as well as day, but I look forward to doing so. In this respect I want to ask you if you will serve as a judge for a National Playwright Contest which we are launching just as soon as I get this play open. We will submit to you all the details just a little later. Of course, I am not entering your plays in this amateur contest, but I should like to have you on our Board of Judges. I am making interesting contacts which might land me either on Broadway or out in Hollywood. Almost it would seem that a flame of energy has been lit within me and all sorts of possibilities are opening.

I was very happy to hear from you and to know that you are well and pleasantly settled in Atlanta. I hope that you have been greeted by students eager to take advante of all that you bring them. Accept my best wishes for all good things.

Sincerely,
Shirley Graham
Shirley Graham
Director

SG/lm

[Enclosure]

MISSISSIPPI RAINBOW

Mis-si-sip-pi! Mis-si-sip-pi!
Ri---ver!
River, rollin' along
River, hear my song
Deep river, wide river,
Lawd! Lawd!

16-11-46

Sunlight gleamin' on da riva,
Waves a-glistenin' in da air,
Me a-baskin' by da riva,
moonlight fallin' on da riva,
Sweet scent, black magnolia tree,
Voices callin' down da riva -
Wonder if dar callin' me.

But the skies grow dark,
And the rains beat down,
the torrents swell,
And the thunder sounds -

River! River!
Fall back!
Chilly waters! Chilly waters!
Oh, Lawd!

See dos clouds dey break away,
It's gonna be anodder day,
Ah'm so glad - What a mornin'
When da flowers of hebbin bloom
An da muddy waters turn to gold
Beneath da Mis-si-sip-pi rainbow
Round my shoulder
An the muddy waters turn to gold
Rainbow

Deep river! Wide river!
Lawd! Lawd!

Shirley Graham

[Enclosure ?]

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL THEATRE
433 E. Erie St.
Delaware 1123

PRINCESS THEATRE
319 South Clark
Chicago, Ill.

February 23, 1937

16-11-47

Dear Friend:

Your name has been given me by a mutual friend who assures me that not only are you alive to all things cultural and entertaining, but that you are also keenly interested in everything which will lift the general level of our people. I am writing you of a new and very important Way which has been opened - a Way towards understanding and appreciation.

The Negro is a potential Artist. Ours is a heritage of age-old wisdom, blazing suns and tropic colors which has been distilled and purified by the years of suffering and pain and privation. Where others have despaired we have hoped; out of broken hearts have come songs; tears have been dried for laughter.

"MISSISSIPPI RAINBOW"! It's the name of the play with which we are opening the Princess Theatre. Say it over to yourself. Can't you picture that deep, wide, muddy river turning all crimson gold beneath the bow of promise? Doesn't it mean something to you? We searched the country for a play which would bring just the quality of this comedy-drama-a play of hope and happiness woven in the colors of rich emotions and human understanding.

This is your play, presented at your theatre. The Federal Theatre is offering to our people unlimited opportunities for artistic expression. The theatre is the component of all the arts. Here we may bring gifts of Music and Drama, but more. In the building of our scenery and staging, we also use Architecture, Painting, and even the plastic art of Sculptoring.

We want you to present this opportunity to your clubs. Tell them what we are doing. Tell them that our young people here have the opportunity of development. Let them know that the first week in March we are opening with "MISSISSIPPI RAINBOW". Come and see your friends in a play which will send you away with a smile on your lips and an IDEA in your HEAD. -

MISSISSIPPI RAINBOW!

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

Shirley Graham - Supervisor

SG/lm

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Staged by

ART SMITH

Produced by HARRY MINTURN

Settings Designed by Clive Rickabaugh
Lighting by Duncan Whiteside
Scenery Constructed in Federal Theatre Workshop, Under Supervision of
Archie Campbell and Charles Schlesinger
Costumes from Federal Theatre Costume Department, Margaret Rand, Supervisor

"Mississippi Rainbow Song" written for this production by Shirley Graham

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The Federal Theatre Project is part of the W.P.A. However, the viewpoint expressed in the play is not necessarily that of the W.P.A. or any other agency of the Government.

THE CAST

(In Order of Their Appearance)

Carrie Washington.....Gladys Williams
The Rev. Elisha Tatum.....John Hughes
Henry Washington.....Herman Green
Flatfoot Mobly.....Theodore Ward
Angie Johnson.....Rosalie Burnette
Jake Johnson.....Scott Manning
Charlie Washington.....Thomas Poston
Lucy.....Lillian Falls
Laura.....Georgia Carpenter
Mr. Covington.....Norman Hilyard

SYNOPSIS

Action of the play takes place at the home of Henry Washington, in a small town on the Mississippi River

Act I. Scene 1.—Late afternoon.
Scene 2.—Three hours later.

Act II. Scene 1.—Five hours later.
Scene 2.—Three days later.

Act III.—Two days later.

Music sung by choral group under direction of Viola Hill

Overture—"Good Morning, Carrie"

Act II.—"Mississippi Rainbow Song.".....***Graham***

Act III.—"Linda Lou".....***Strickland***

Finale.

"Spirituals" arranged in traditional manner by Viola Hill

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Assistant Stage Manager—Thomas Poston

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March 10, 1937

16-11-48

My dear Shirley:

I am glad to hear about Mississippi Rainbow and I hope it will be a great success. I shall be glad to be on your board of judges providing there isn't anything for me to do. Let me know how things progress.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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ROBERT J. DUNHAM
STATE ADMINISTRATOR

Shirley Graham

Princess Theatre
319 So. Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois
April 4, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-1-5

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

This is a quiet, rainy afternoon down here at the theatre. Last night we gave a midnight performance and these gray skies are particular conducive to sleepiness. Today "Mississippi Rainbow" begins the fourth week of its run with no indication of closing soon. The Princess looks like an entirely different theatre from the one you saw. Blazing lights of many colors brighten the entire block and the subdued hum within the building marks this as a place where things are happening.

My most recent step came last week in the offer from a producer to put my entire company on the air. This would have to be done somewhat apart from the Federal project and so the offer called for serious conferences with the city director. The administrators are so pleased with the way this unit has been lifted out of obscurity that they have no objection to me working with this private concern provided I do not sign a contract with them which will take me out of the Princess. And so, if things work according to the tentative schedule, you will soon be hearing "Mississippi Rainbow Song" when you turn on your radio.

Last week also came an invitation from West Virginia State College to act as one of their judges in a State Music Contest. They offer to pay my expenses there and back. I'd love to go. All campus activities have a particular appeal for me. But my time is so limited that I'd have to fly there and back. I wrote accepting on these terms. Have not had time to receive an answer to my letter. The contest will be in May. Several hours in the air of a May morning would be almost as nice as a long and leisurely automobile trip. I can think of some conditions, however, when the automobile trip would be vastly superior.

I read your plays with the keenest of interest and pleasure. The only question in my mind is whether or not we could do them justice. This "Mississippi Rainbow" is a very light thing. It has certainly proven

to be the proper vehicle for beginning this work.
But my mind is full of dreams and visions. They tell me I am going to Hollywood. With your permission I'd like to keep your plays back just a little while. I want to get to the place that I can give them the proper production. You know how relentlessly I have held back "Tom-Tom".

Spring has come in the south. I can imagine your campus gently turning green. It's hardly fair to say I do not like Chicago. I simply go back and forth to work and my work is absorbing. But something tells me that spring in Chicago isn't going to mean much to me.

16-1-6

We thank you officially and personally for consenting to act as one of our Playwright Contest judges. Apparently, there will be nothing to do for some time. Has your new book yet gone to press? I eagerly await its appearance.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

S Wirley

4/13/37

PRINCESS THEATRE
319 South Clark

April 9 1937

16-1-9

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta Univeristy
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am just conscious that it is time for the colleges to be reconsidering appointments; and I am this week renewing my application at Howard University. As I told you, the matter of my going there is more or less understood, contingent upon them getting a certain appropriations. They say that they want me for the Department of Music History and Critisism. I would appreciate it more than I can say if you would write a letter to Dr. Johnson, using whatever words of recommendation you think fitted.

Since I made the application last year, I have had an additional summer of work over my Master's degree, as well as the publication of my article on music. You might also mention the fact that my thesis is being used as reading material for students in one of the departments at Northwestern. These things might interest him.

Frankly, I want to go there very much. Even though this work is going, it is very indefinite and I realize that I am not suited to it by temperament. Also, I have long looked forward to making a home for my sons in Washington, not in Chicago. I know that you will understand, and I also know what force a word from you can convey.

With deepest thanks for this kindness, I am

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

April 13, 1937

16-1-10

My dear Shirley:

I am very glad to know of the success of your theatrical venture, and hope it is still going. I am writing to President Johnson of Howard. One of these days you shall have a longer letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Shirley Graham
c/o Princess Theatre
319 South Clark Street
Chicago, Illinois

PRINCESS THEATRE
319 South Clark

June 19 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

16-1-7

Again the gods smile on me! The National Federal Theatre has given me a Rockerfeller grant to study at Vassar College this summer. My show here closed Sunday night after one hundred thirty-three consecutive performances. I am leaving for Vassar tonight. You can imagine that I am very happy.

Last night I met one of the most interesting people I have run across in Chicago. His name is Andrew Paschel. He is a devotee of W. E. B. DuBois and has a collection of your works including magazines and newspaper articles. He has a class in Adult Education in one of Chicago's suburbs, and uses "Black Reconstruction" as his text book. He has given away six copies of "Black Reconstruction" and handles The Pittsburgh Courier in his community for no other reason than to have the people read your column. I do not think I have ever met any one who is so sincerely and unselfishly interested in seeing that your ideals and teachings reach other people. I happened to be visiting in the neighborhood and my running across him was wholly unplanned. When he learned that I knew you, I took on a glamoring importance in his eyes, and questions which he asked me about you reveals not only his earnest devotion, but also his keen insight and intellectual understanding.

Enclosed for your general information is a letter I received from Howard University. At the time it was a terrible disappointment, but in view of the fact that my new work has taken a definitely permanent turn, it is insignificant. In addition to this grant which I spoke of above, I have been given a raise in salary which continues straight through the summer. Do drop me a line: Josselyn House, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. You may destroy the letter from Miss Childers.) address

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

July 1, 1937

16-1-'8

My dear Shirley,

I am returning your letter from Lulu Vere Childers because I think you ought to keep it in your archives. Something may come of it yet. At any rate and despite this I think you have been very lucky, first in your fine success in Chicago and now in this grant to study at Vassar this summer. I know of Andrew Paschal and I am glad to have your judgment of him. Let me know what you are doing at Vassar.

I expect to be in and about New York from August first to fifteenth and from September first to September twentieth. Sometime during those days I shall be glad to see you.

With best regards and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Shirley Graham
Josseplyn House
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

N.Y. address: 210 West 150th - apt. 3-A

Shirley Graham

Josselyn House
Vassar College
July 8, 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois,

As the sole representative of thirteen million dark skinned artists, I must immediately have certain information. I want to present plans for bringing together a body vitally interested in the Negro in art. I have suggested Atlanta University as the place of meeting. The Rockefeller Foundation would finance the conference and the invitation will be sent out by the Federal Theatre.

Since I do not know exactly where to contact your new president, I am rushing this off to you. Would you be kind enough to speak

16-1-15

to him about it if he is in Atlanta or give me his full name and where I can reach him.

1. Would Atlanta University be interested in acting as host to such a conference? To be held this fall.

2. Is it not true that there is a little theatre on the campus?

3. I have met two dramatic directors from Atlanta - Miss Ann Cook and the man from Yale. Please give me his name.

I believe that the Federal Theatre is today offering the greatest opportunity in America to the Negro. If rightly directed we will realize dreams. Dreamers of Dreams, help us!

Sincerely,

Shirley

July 10, 1937

16-1-14

My dear Shirley:

I am very enthusiastic for the kind of meeting which you propose to hold at Atlanta University and I believe that the authorities will welcome it. I think, however, it would be best for you to broach the matter to them mentioning the fact that you know me and have told me about it. You should write at first to President Rufus E. Clement and also to Miss Anne Cooke, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Clement is quite new to his job, having just come July 1, but I am sure will be sympathetic. Miss Cooke has for many years been head of the Little Theatre movement here and has done some excellent work but needs to be handled with finesse. Mr. John M. Ross who can be addressed at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, is an excellent actor and director. I am not sure whether he is to be here next year or not, but you might also write him. Officially he is subordinate to Miss Cooke but he is really a first class actor and a very excellent and careful director. We have a very well equipped theatre barring the fact that its ventilation and seating are atrocious. But there is a pretty good stage and I am sending you the program of the summer theatre. The plays are exceedingly well given. In writing to these persons stress the fact of the Rockefeller Foundation support and the Federal Theatre Project.

I wish you all success and I am delighted to know that you are connected with this.

With best regards,

Miss Shirley Graham
Josselyn House
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Shirley Graham

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August 27 1937

16-1-11

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Here I am back in the office after the wonderful experience at Vassar. I returned to find my responsibilities doubled. The entire outlook for the Federal Theatre has been radically changed. We hope to set up a permanent theatre organization. This must be a year of definite construction. I have been placed on the National Planning Board.

The Chicago Theatre is attempting a unified form which is unusual. There is no longer a Princess Theatre as a permanent headquarters of the Negro group. We have three down-town theatres and a rehearsal hall. Each group is supposed to begin its rehearsals in this hall and when production is ready, to move in any one of the theatres which is considered best for that particular production. My office has been changed to the headquarters of the Federal Theatre.

At present I am using the hall for afternoon classes in play acting and play reading. Three one-act plays will open at the Princess Theatre next week -- put on by the Experimental Group. The first of September the Jewish Director is putting on a big play at the Great Northern Theatre. About one-third of his cast -- singers and dancers are Negroes. He is using my entire chorus from "Mississippi Rainbow."

Since returning, I have written an adaptation of Eugene O'Neil's HAIRY APE. I am hoping to put this on as my next

16-1-12

production. I realize this is a heavy undertaking. It will either make or break me.

As to the possible conferences, Mr. John McGee, former regional director of the Southern states, was in Atlanta sometime ago. I do not know whether or not he saw Dr. Clements, but according to what he told Mrs. Flanagan, the idea of meeting at Atlanta University was well accepted. However, it has been necessary to get in the reports of this last summer session before approaching the Rockerfeller Foundation to finance another institute. Mrs. Flanagan thought it best not to rush matters. In the meanwhile, Randolph Edmonds, editor of that new "Arts Quarterly", is planning to write up the summer session at Vassar in his next issue. We intend to make this article impressive enough to carry weight with the Rockerfeller people.

Sorry I could not have some time in New York, but duty called. The first of September I am moving into a new apartment with my two boys. At last I am being able to establish a little home with them. I trust this will find you well and enjoying all good things that you so richly deserve.

Sincerely

I have been recommended to the Rosenwald Foundation for a Fellowship next year. The Austrian who directed "Tom-Tom" is back in this country. He put on "Salome" at the New York Stadium this summer. He wants "Tom-Tom" for a New York production. I must have time off to work on it. If I get the Fellowship I plan to spend at least a semester at Yale and complete my opera.

S Hurley

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

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My dear Shirley:

I was much disappointed in not seeing you. I counted on driving up to Vassar not realizing that you closed so early; but I shall be in Chicago this winter. I am glad the work continues and that you have not been among those cut off. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you with a Rosenwald fellowship.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Shirley Graham

6157 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
October 1, 1937.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The first of October! A really new day. It just happens that I'm glad to see September go and I've definitely taking up new things today.

The past month has been dramatically tumultuous. It started with me receiving an okey for the staging of my own adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape". I had taken this old play of his, one which several years ago was produced with only mild success, and re-written it. I had changed the imagery and philosophy and given it a Negro setting; I had dropped out long passages, in one case writing an entirely new scene. The play is a psychological study of one man in somewhat the same manner as is "Emperor Jones". The result of my changes has produced a study of Negro psychology and the clash of Negro "classes" such as has never been placed on the stage. The head of our Playreading Department, herself a successful playwright (one year taking the Pulitzer Prize) expresses her belief that my "Hairy Ape" will be a sensation. I believe it does have dramatic power and theatre. It is a most pretentious undertaking. Other directors and supervisors are regarding me and dismally shaking their heads. One man said it was a job which would stop Sam Harris and George Abbot put together. No doubt, it's a case of a fool jubilantly dashing in where angels fear to tread! In any case, September saw me sailing into a job which though I knew it was hard, yet filled me with the "joy of hard work".

And then the storm broke.

When it was decided to send me to Vassar I recommended a Negro in New York who wanted to come out to Chicago and work, to fill my place as supervisor of my group during my absence. The most I knew about him was that he was on the New York Theatre Project and his director had written out here asking us if we could use a talented and accomplished theatre man. I was happy to give such a Negro a "break". He arrived during my absence. Upon my return my status was slightly changed. My office moved down to the Reginal Headquarters and my duties encreased to include more than the handful of Negroes on the project. Since this was true, I said nothing about Mr. Perry's returning to New York. I saw two jobs for Negroes where there had been but one. I was completely absorbed in my larger duties and spent every spare moment working on this adaptation. At the moment when I was clearing everything for concentrated work on the play I found a rebellion on my hands. It transpired that Mr. Perry had represented me to my own people as having completely alienated myself from them and their interested. I had allied myself with the "white folks" of the administration to the extent that I was only seeking my own selfish ends; I was ruthlessly ambitious; "The Hairy Ape" was entirely a personal undertaking; I was adding my personal friends to the project; the play was an "insult" to the Negro, etc. etc. etc. etc. Need I say more?

I was so surprised that for several days I was actually speechless. (Imagine that!) Into the City Director's office came petitions followed by the most vicious attack written by Mr. Perry that anyone could possibly imagine. He declared me incompetent, etc. etc. etc. etc. I was described as "anti-social" having "no friends among the Negroes of Chicago," holding myself aloft and disdainfully exploiting people.

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The administration was as dumbfounded as I was. But, before I could get my breath the "white folks" got mad and I found myself in the humiliating position of being pitied for what my own people were doing to me. Actually, the big bosses had overlooked the fact that Mr. Perry was still here. Nobody really knew him. The question was asked "Who is certifying for his time here?" "Who has kept him on here?" Weakly I responded "I am." They expressed very frank statements on my sanity. Maybe in another month I'll be able to laugh about it all. Certainly, there were many comedy lines. But progress on the play was retarded and only now can I say that things are organized and we are finally in rehearsal.

And so with this new month I can turn my attention for a few moments to another matter. After this production I want to take up my own opera "Tom-Tom". I believe the time has come. The Austrian who directed it is back in this country, now associated with the Curtis School of Music in Philadelphia. He directed "Salome" in New York last summer and wants "Tom-Tom" ready for its New York opening. The Rosenwald Foundation here has become interested in my work. The secretary, Mr. Raymond Paty, advises me to apply this fall for a Fellowship. Mr. Embree is no longer acting secretary, but is still a powerful member of the board. If I apply for this Fellowship I want to get it. I am not getting younger and there is still so much to do. My plan is to ask for a year in which I'd like to do two things. I should like to spend the nine school months at Yale in the School of Drama - the remaining three months I should like to spend working with Dr. Lert, the director, in getting "Tom-Tom" ready. To do this and carry the responsibility of my two boys I'll need at least twenty-four hundred dollars. (I'll put the boys in school) If I were alone I could do it on less, but since my father's death there is no possible assistance for the boys.

Qualifications: A B and A M from Oberlin; Additional work at Columbia University, Institute of Musical Art, University of Paris and Vassar College

Professional Experience: Three years head of Music Department, Morgan College, One year head of Department of Fine Arts, Tennessee State, Composer and librettist of opera "Tom-Tom", produced in Cleveland Stadium. Articles published in "The Crisis", "The Etude Music Magazine" and "The Arts Quarterly" Director in Chicago Federal Theatre.

I am giving your name as a reference on my application. But I am now asking you to write a personal letter to Mr. Embree about me. That will carry much more force than anything I can think of. I promise you I'll use the time granted to the best possible advantage. I do want to do something really worthwhile.

I did not intend writing such a long letter. You'er far too busy to read it. I'm so happy to know you'll be in Chicago this winter. My two boys and I have a very comfortable apartment. I can actually invite you to dinner. It's been so long since I've had a home that the prospect really thrills me.

I trust that the opening of school finds you well and happy. Apparently, our sourthern conference has been indefinitely delayed. So many conflicting things are happening right now throughout the Federal Theatre that its hard to plan anything on a national scope. There is every reason why we should prepare ourselves for the next step. That's what the Rosenwald Fellowship will do for me.

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With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Shirley

16-1-19

October 20, 1937

My dear Shirley:

I am glad to know of your new work and prospects and, of course, sorry about the opposition stirred up. That is the kind of thing you have got always to be ready for. And there is but one real way of fighting and that is to keep on doing work so good the criticism falls of its own weight. Some time, of course, has to be given to direct refutation of too obvious and too injurious lies but fool away as little time on this as possible. Get your work done. I shall be only glad to do anything I can to help you with a Rosenwald Foundation scholarship. I should think that you have a good chance. I shall be glad to write to Mr. Embree but it would be better to time my letter with your actual application. Let me know just when I should send it.

I am glad you have a home. I am not sure whether I shall reach Chicago in my lecture trip this fall. I have no offers yet but if I do I shall be sure to see you.

Yours with love,

Miss Shirley Graham
6157 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

6157 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
October 25, 1937

Shirley Graham

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Your welcomed letter received Saturday. Thanks for all the good advice. I am "going on with my work" and trying to produce something worth while. The man who made all the trouble has been sent back to New York. His works, of course, remain behind him. The harm he did to me is insignificant bompared with the harm he did to the Negro in the Chicago Theatre Project. We won't be able now to do THE HAIRY APE as I had planned.

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However, life goes on. I am sending my application into the Rosenwald Foundation the first of the month. Mr. Paty seems to be taking a very definite interest in seeing that my application should be in the best possible form. He has had me out several times to discuss everything in detail. He asked who I had in mind for references. I gave him the following names:

Miss Susan Glaspell, successful playwright, whose "Allison House" took the Pulitzer Prize in 1930.

Professor Edward Dickinson, Professor Emeritus of Music History and Criticism Oberlin Conservatory. His books are used throughout the country in the leading schools of music.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Sociologist and Economist, World Scholar and Writer, Authority on the Negro and his place in modern civilization.

Dr. Herbert C. Miller, Sociologist, Author, Scholar.
Bryn Mawr College

These personal references to compliment the one from Dr. Ernst Lert, Viennese director of opera. For years director of the Teutonic wing of the opera house La Scala at Milan, Italy, now a member of the New York Opera Association and professor of opera technique in the Curtis School of Music.

Mr. Paty asked me to give this information to you together with my tentative plan for study. He thought you might have some suggestions to make before the application was sent in.

My tentative plan is as follows:

Believing that the theatre, particularly that combination of drama with music, offers the most complete medium for the expression of the versitile talents of the Negro, I wish to train myself for leadership in this field. After several months of additional study and experimental work I wish to devote the major portion of my year to the rewriting and preparing for a New York production my opera "Tom-Tom".

In order to accomplish these ends I should like to be placed under the personal tuition of Ernst Lert, whose knowledge and experience can guide me. He has already advised me to ask that the first half of the year might be spent in the Yale School of Drama where I shall take those courses which will best fit me for the work I intend to do. The second half of the year will be devoted to my own creative work. I am asking that my year begin September, 1938 when I shall enter Yale for the first semester. Randolph Edmonds is also very strong for the Yale idea. He says that today Yale is furnishing the leaders of the Broadway theatre and that in addition to the knowledge I'll gain there, the contacts will be invaluable for future advancement.

There are almost no Negroes trained in this field. That is why it is so important that I not only develop my own artistic ability, but also the ability and knowledge for leadership.

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So much for myself. Now, another thought. I was quite concerned when you told me you were not sure you would be in Chicago this winter. I am going to myself contact some of these organizations and see if I can't arrange a lecture for you. After my unhappy experiences in dealing with the Chicago Negro I am not unduly optomistic regarding the outcome. Joe Louis and Al Capone are far better understood and appreciated here. Yet, there are a few struggling and divided souls who hunger and thirst after better things. Also, there are the universities. Anyhow, I shall make some inquiries.

I hope this will find you well and enjoying all the good things of life. This is a beautiful, fall day. My office overlooks the lake. That is very pleasant.

Sincerely,

Shirley

December 13, 1937

My dear Shirley,

I have just sent to the Rosenwald Fund at their request a recommendation for your appointment to a fellowship. I certainly hope you will be successful, but my rule always is in cases of that sort not to put all my eggs in one basket. In other words, while I am planning and hoping for the best I am at the same time quite aware that I may not get it; so if I were you I should be making plans for keeping up my work even in case I should fail. I hope you are still on your theatre project and that there is a chance for it to go on. And by the way, please send me the manuscript of those plays which I sent you. I want to look them over with view to their use in some way and at some time. I am still looking forward to seeing you in February.

With much love,

Miss Shirley Graham
6157 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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December 16, 1937

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Please forgive us for not returning these plays sooner. I am so glad you are planning to build them up for use.

If I may criticize them from the viewpoint of the commercial theatre, I should say:

SEVEN-UP has all the elements of a successful production. In its present form, however, it is too short for a full evening. The play can be lengthened through the process of characterization in dialogue and by means of transitional scenes. You have the story, suspense and keen interest, but you move too quickly from one important scene to another thus sacrificing atmosphere and characterization.

BLACK MAN is a beautiful and moving piece of literature. It is so highly artistic that it would appeal only to those who have developed a sense of aesthetic values. The Federal Theatre audience would not have the capacity to grasp it. I can see it as a music-drama. Great choruses with soaring solos can be built from the poem. I hope this is what you will do. When you come in February I'd be happy to discuss it more in detail.

This morning our office is in the process of moving into another building, which means I'm in the midst of some confusion, but I did not want to delay writing you. Indeed, my destiny is very firmly tied up with all that the Federal Theatre is doing. I have an article on our work in the current issue of the ARTS QUARTERLY. I expect to do a play with Paul Green this spring.

A personal letter will follow this soon. Under separate cover I am mailing the plays.

Sincerely,

Shirley Graham

Form 16

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Mr. Wm. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York, New York

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Letters of Appreciation

December 1, 1937

16-13-29

My dear Dr. Greene:

I appreciate very much the clipping you kindly sent me.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. L. B. Greene
3040 Hastings Street
Detroit, Michigan

537 Hall Street
Bainbridge, Georgia
March 7, 1937

3/9/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-12-30

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the senior class of Hutto High School. The subject concerning The Negro and The Constitution is being discused and I am required to do some research work and discuss this subject.

Feeling assured that you are in position to help me I am asking if you will do me the kindness to send me what information you can bearing on the subject. I realize that I am asking a great deal of you but it would mean so much to me. And if I am never able to do as much for you I shall atleast pass the kindness on to another. And if there is any charges let me know and I will remit.

Thanking you in advance for the kindness that you may do me. I am verry courteously yours,

Fannie Greenlee
Fannie Greenlee

March 10, 1937

My dear Miss Greenlee:

Answering your letter of March 7 addressed to Dr. Du Bois, please permit me to suggest that you write to Attorney A. T. Walden, 141½ Auburn Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia for the information which you seek.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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Miss Fannie Greenlee
537 Hall Street
Bainbridge, Georgia

GREENWICH HOUSE
27 BARROW STREET, NEW YORK

MRS. V. G. SIMKHOVITCH
Director

CHELSEA 2-4140

Social Menace 1937

February 13, 1937

2/17/37

Dear Dr. DuBois,

16-18-8

On Friday afternoon, February 26th, at four o'clock, the building at 18 Jones Street, which is an annex of Greenwich House, will be formally opened as the Men's Residence in memory of Paul Kennaday, and bearing his name.

As you know, Mr. Kennaday was one of the founding group who formed our Society in 1901. His life in those early days of our work was a determining factor in its development.

I suppose the chances of your being in New York on this date are very slight, but I thought you would like to know of our plan and perhaps would send me a message to be read on this occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Mary K. Simkhovitch

Dr. W. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-2-66

EGH

237 N. Dean St.
Spartanburg, S.C.
November 17, 1937

Dear Mr. Wilkins,

We are in the midst of a campaign for the development of a Negro Recreational Center here. To this end we are

-me. Please let me hear
from you on Monday.
November 2, 1895. With many
many thanks I am
Sincerely yours,
C. A. Legg

sponsering a concert for which I am assigned the task of disposing of one hundred tickets. I can think of no better way than to contact a few of my friends on whom I can depend for help. In consequence I am mailing you five tickets which I trust you will be able to take in helping

November 19, 1937

My dear Mrs. Gregg:

Enclosed is my check for one dollar to pay for the tickets which you sent. I hope the effort will be successful.

With best regards to you and Dr. Gregg, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(T R)

Mrs. E. H. Gregg
237 North Dean Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

16-2-65.

February 4, 1937

My dear Dr. Gregg:

I learned on my return to the United States that you have given up life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and are now engaged in marriage. You have all my sympathy and congratulations. I present to Mrs. Gregg the assurance of my felicitation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Theodore K. Gregg
237 North Dean Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina

February 4, 1937

My dear Emma,

I know that I am unforgiven and outside the pale but you have no idea how hard I tried for that Boston trip. On top of everything I caught cold in Pittsburgh and all during my stay in New York I had to fight incipient grippe. I arrived in New York in time to lecture to seven hundred persons at the Y. W. C. A. Then I simply had to go to an annual party which Mrs. Du Bois and her friends always yearly have for me. Finally, Friday night there was a reception from which no ingenuity could affect an escape. Then I had to go to Baltimore to look upon some property which Yolande is determined on buying. You can easily see that friendship with near distinguished persons is quite impossible.

You will present to your husband and to the young ladies and gentleman who board with you and call you Mother now and then, the assurances that I was and am in tears at not seeing them. I will make no further promises but I have fell designs upon the whole family. If you do not write sometime during the spring I shall continue in tears.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

April 13, 1937

16-1-25

My dear Emma:

I am neither sick, busy, nor indifferent. I have just been fooling away my time telling the world about my trip. I have been on lecture tours in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama; and once in a while I stop here in Atlanta to teach a class or so. I trust that this will find you and the gang well. I am a bit tired by this exertion but we are having beautiful spring weather just now and life is quite worth living. I am planning to spend two weeks in Maine on vacation and the road leads through Boston. I will not be more definite than that for fear of fate.

Let me hear from you now and then.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

16-1-76

July 1, 1937

My dear Emma,

I think I have at last got my vacation in order. I shall be in New York from August first to fifteenth, then I am going to the camp in Maine from the fifteenth to the first of September. This means that I am going to drive through Boston and I shall be bound to see you. Perhaps you will come down to New York and let me drive you back! And then when I return from camp about the first of September I shall look in again. I do not see how this program can slip up or fail so please count upon it and advise me accordingly.

I am teaching summer school to pay for my absence during the trip around the world. It has been sizzling here and caused me to contemplate mending my ways although not seriously. The seige is already half over and I have really enjoyed it. We have an enrolment of 750 of whom one-third are graduate students and the rest college students.

I hope the family is well. Please greet them, and write me and tell me about your summer plans.

My best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

16-1-22

July 19, 1937

My dear Emma,

I insist that according to my last letter I shall be in, through, and about Boston on or about August 15 on my way to Maine. Please let me know whether you will be at that time in your city residence or your country home.

My best regards to the family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Emma Groves
30 Peacevale Road
Dorchester, Massachusetts

(Marjorie Groves)

Emma Groves

30 Peacevale Rd.
Dorchester Mass.
Feb. 9, 1937

Dear Doctor:

First let me thank you for the money you sent me. It surely supplied a need.

Mason and I came home Wednesday afternoon expecting to find you here. We were so disappointed. We had expected to enjoy hearing about your wonderful trip around the world.

Mother says that we can't expect you now before spring. Please don't forget that you owe us a visit then.

Mason says that he is going to write you tonight too, so the Groves will be taking up plenty of your time.

Mother and Daddy send love.

Lovingly,
Marjorie

(MASON GROVES)

Emma Groves

30 Peacevale Rd.
Dorchester, Mass.
Feb. 8, 1937

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Dear Doctor,

How are you? I hope you are well and having a good time. I recieved your postcards and I was very pleased for I hardly ever recieve any mail. I'm glad you had a nice trip around the world and I sure wish I could have gone with you. You must come up and tell me about it sometime.

Thanks a million times for the money you sent me. It felt good to have some money again for I had, shall I say, invested all my Cristmass money. Come on up as soon as you can. We'll be waiting for you.

Yours truly
Mason L. Groves

P.S. The Family is fine.

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THE NEW HOTEL BRESLIN

BROADWAY AT 29TH STREET

NEW YORK

January 31

Dear Dr. Du Bois

A couple of years ago I told you about the book I had in mind on the culture of the South and got some very helpful suggestions from you. This is the book for which I am now asking for a Guggenheim Fellowship. I am enclosing an outline of the project I submitted with my application and two articles I had in the American Spectator which embody a very small part of the material I have on certain phases of the subject. I feel the need however of doing a great deal more work on it.

When I handed in my application in October - I gave your name as a reference among others but indicated that I had not been able to reach you to ask permission to do so

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2) I think probably you were written to and will either have found their letter at Atlanta, so that it is following you about. If you felt that you could write in to Mr. Moe in any case, and say you approved of the project and any qualifications for carrying it out it would be a great favor and I am sure it would help the application very much. I mean to finish the book anyway, somehow or other, but it would be much easier if I got this grant to do it quickly as well as thoroughly. Dr. Moe, as you probably know is, at the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, 551 Fifth Ave. New York City. I believe the Committee reaches it's decision some time in February. I'd of course be very glad, too, to know what you think of the project and the articles. Both of the latter were very much cut down To fit into the small space the Specials could spare.

I don't know whether you heard that David died at the end of June. He made such a brave fight and was so full of promise - more so, it seems to me than in this last year of his life. He had been discharged as an arrested case and was singing in Jamila Hall's Clair when he was suddenly stricken down again. It was galloping this Time and the end came very

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quickly. I hope and believe that he did not know it was coming. He was full of courage and plans up to the very last. The last time I saw you, I remember you were trying to help me get him into a sanitarium in North Carolina and had written there for me but it turned out to be only for voluntary the State and he had been away too long to qualify. All life is so terrible these days I try to remember all that he may have escaped, but he was so brave and wanted so to live that it is not easy. I think he would have made a real contribution in some field of art if he had lived, Though he still had not quite found himself. He kept changing as he grew older - he was just twenty-four and getting more and more interesting. His music was a very late interest - during his childhood and adolescence acting and modeling had seemed to be his great talents and his feeling for languages was extraordinary. At Lee Oldenwaldschule, they always remembered him as the "Australier" who had mastered German more quickly than anybody who ever came to the school

Please forgive this long hand-written letter - my typewriter has gone wrong and it's Sunday and there's nothing I can do about it.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours

Martha Gruening

February 4, 1937

My dear Martha,

I have written today to the Guggenheim Foundation. Dr. Moe had already written me. I have told him how pleased I should be to see you get a fellowship.

I am distressed to hear of David's death. There is something at once very sad and infinitely beautiful about his brief career and you have every right to happiness in viewing it. Think what he might have been if it had not been for you. Alive possibly but with no experience of ever having lived.

I am keeping the articles from the "American Spectator" unless you want them.

Let me hear from you again.

Yours with love,

16-5-60

Miss Martha Gruening
The New Hotel Breslin
Broadway at 29th Street
New York City, New York

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THE NEW HOTEL BRESLIN

BROADWAY AT 29TH STREET

NEW YORK

February 7th 1937

Walter Bruning

Dear Burghardt.

Your very kind and beautiful letter went to my heart. I have tried to remember in thinking of David that I may have been of some use to him, but it is always easier in the face of such loss to remember one's failures and lost opportunities and wish one might make them good. I will always cherish your words about him. They have steadied and comforted me more than I am able to express.

There is something else that

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NEW YORK

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wish everyone who knows about it might know and that is how deeply knowing David, has confirmed my feeling as to the utter illusoriness of all race barriers. It was my good fortune to find a child who needed my opportunity to have his gifts flower in so many directions, and it is our tragedy that these gifts couldn't come to their full maturity. The waste of David that might have resulted but for the accident of our meeting - the waste of all the other potential Davids just doesn't bear thinking about. Wherever he went he disarmed prejudice I remember the registrar at the Ethical Culture School saying to me when he was in Kindergarten "He's every child's favorite child" and it was true. Sometime if I can I want to make some kind of memorial to him that will carry on this thing he began - for some of the others.

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THE NEW HOTEL BRESLIN

BROADWAY AT 29TH STREET

NEW YORK

Thank you very much for writing to Mr. Rose. Am glad to have you keep the Spectator articles. Under separate cover I am sending the third which has just appeared and also a piece of mine appearing from the Sunday Eagle.

If you should be coming here in the near future I hope very much that I may see you.

Again with my thanks and my love Martica,

Sincerely

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THE NEW HOTEL BRESLIN

BROADWAY AT 29TH STREET

NEW YORK

May 25th

Dear Burghardt

I thought perhaps this might amuse you.

I am telling Mr. Sevier to write both to you and President Clement. I hope something may come of it, as I think he really has something to offer.

It was so very nice to see you the other day.

With all good wishes.

Always

Martha Graham

9 (over) (John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation)

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Moe:

I am afraid my answers are going to be too late for your use but I am writing you. I think that both Mr. Bond and Miss Gruening are persons of excellent character and ability. I do not know Mr. Bond so well personally but have heard of him. Miss Gruening I have know for twenty years and have the highest regard for her ability and scholarship.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-2-55

Mr. Henry Allen Moe
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
551 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

(over)

February 4, 1937

I do not know Mr. Bond very well personally although I have met him several times. I know his family and he has excellent background and his academic career was distinguished. I should imagine that he would do a good and thorough piece of work.

February 4, 1937

Miss Gruening has done a good deal of investigation in southern conditions and has been interested in the development of both Negroes and whites. I should be very glad to see her study the culture of the South before the Civil War. This is a period that needs new evaluation after the sentimentality that has covered it for so long. I think that Miss Gruening would have the degree of detachment that would enable her to work successfully in this field and at the same time enough experience in scientific method so that her conclusions would be of real worth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS . GUGMEMORA

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

551 FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK · N · Y·

February 6, 1937.

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16-2-56

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I thank you, on behalf of the Committee of Selection, as well as for myself, for your confidential statements in answer to my inquiries concerning the candidates for Fellowships who referred us to you. Your statements come in good time.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Allen Moe

M:G

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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551 FIFTH AVENUE · NEW YORK · N · Y·

October 25, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-2

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Mr. John S. Brown, Jr., has applied for a Fellowship on this Foundation. May we have in his case your careful opinion of his abilities, please -- confidentially, as always?

Sincerely yours,

Henry Allen Moe

M:bg

[Brown]

16-7

November 1, 1937

John S. Brown, Jr. is the grandson of my grandfather's third wife. Thus while not connected with me by blood we have always been closely associated and I have known him from childhood. Brown is not a genius but he is a man of most excellent character and devotion and has a real and vivid interest in dramatics. He has been writing for years and for a long time has been apparently on the edge of commercial success but has never quite accomplished it. He is and has been for years a teacher in the New York high schools; has a close knowledge of human beings, young and old, black and white from long and intimate association. I saw one of his plays produced last year. I did not altogether like it but it had merit and it is possible that if he had time and a chance he might produce something worthwhile. Certainly there would be no question of the sincere effort that he would make.

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

FELLOWSHIPS *for* ADVANCED STUDY ABROAD

UNITED STATES *of* AMERICA, 1937

IN order to improve the quality of education and the practice of the arts and professions in the United States, to foster research, and to provide for the cause of better international understanding, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, established by former United States Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim as a memorial to a son who died April 26, 1922, offers a limited number of Fellowships, tenable under the freest possible conditions, for research in any field of knowledge and for creative work in any of the fine arts, including music. In the main, the Fellowships have been granted only for work abroad; but for 1937-38, in exceptional cases, a limited number may be granted for work in the United States. The Fellowships will be awarded by the Trustees upon nominations made by a Committee of Selection.

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1. THE FOUNDATION plans to maintain annually from forty to sixty Fellows. The Fellowships are intended for men and women of high intellectual and personal qualifications who have already demonstrated unusual capacity for productive scholarship or unusual creative ability in the fine arts. Fellowships in music will be awarded only to candidates who have plans for creative work in musical composition, or for research in the history or theory of music.

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3. THE STIPEND will in the normal case not exceed $2,000 for a year of twelve months. The tenure of Fellowships will be adjusted to the purpose and scope of the studies of each individual. Appointments will be made ordinarily for one year; but plans which involve two years' work will be considered by the Trustees. In special cases the Trustees will grant Fellowships for terms shorter than one year, with appropriate stipends. Members of the teaching profession who have received sabbatical leave on full or part salary are eligible for appointment.

4. THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION will require evidence that candidates are persons of unusual capacity for research, demonstrated ordinarily by the previous publication of contributions to knowledge of high merit, or that they are persons of unusual and proved creative ability in some one of the fine arts. Definite plans for their proposed study must be presented by all candidates. The Foundation will consult with responsible scholars and artists regarding the value and practicability of the projects presented, and the personality and promise of the applicants.

5. THE TRUSTEES may subsidize the publication of important contributions to knowledge produced by holders of Fellowships on the Foundation; but they do not undertake to aid in publishing all works so produced.

6. FELLOWS are expected to present a complete report to the Foundation on retiring from their Fellowships, and informal reports at such times as the Foundation may suggest. Applications for reappointment must be accompanied by preliminary reports of work accomplished. Such applications should be received at the office of the Foundation before February 1, 1937.

7. APPLICATIONS for Fellowships must be made in writing on or before November 1, 1936, by the candidates themselves, in the form prescribed, addressed to Henry Allen Moe, *Secretary*, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Final selection of Fellows for 1937-38 will be made in March, 1937. Application forms will be mailed by the Secretary upon request.

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JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FELLOWS

APPOINTED FROM LATIN AMERICA

Professor Alfredo Baños, Jr., Professor of Theoretical Physics in the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, National University of Mexico, Mexico, D. F.: Continuation of studies in the field of theoretical physics, with emphasis on the theory of cosmic radiation, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (Renewal)

Dr. Pedro J. Bermúdez Hernández, Assistant in Zoölogy and Paleontology in the University of Havana, Havana, Cuba: Continuation of studies of the Eocene faunas of Cuba. (Renewal)

Professor Carlos Eugenio Dieulefait, Director of the Statistical Institute of the University of the Litoral, Rosario, Argentina: Studies of certain problems in the field of statistical theory, chiefly at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Andrés Henestrosa, Librarian of the Department of Foreign Relations, Mexico, D. F.: Studies of the significance of Zapotecan culture, in consultation with certain scholars in the United States.

Dr. Enrique Savino, Bacteriologist of the Institute of Bacteriology of the National Department of Hygiene, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Continuation of studies in the field of public health, with emphasis on epidemiology, at Harvard University. (Renewal)

Dr. Adalberto Steeger Schaeffer, Chief Medical Officer of the Arriarán Hospital, Santiago, Chile: Studies in the field of infectious diseases especially as related to pediatrics.

APPOINTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. Leopold L. Atlas, Playwright, New York City: Creative writing in the field of the drama.

Dr. John Edwin Bakeless, Assistant Professor of Journalism, New York University: The preparation of a work on Christopher Marlowe, designed to provide the most complete account possible of his life, his work and of the work of scholars and writers who have dealt with him.

Dr. Jean Paul Misrahi, Instructor in Brooklyn College and Research Assistant, Romance Language Department, Columbia University: The preparation of a critical edition of Chrétien de Troyes' *Erec et Enide*.

Dr. Morris Moore, Mycologist and Research Dermatologist to the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri: A comparative study of the life-cycles of certain disease-producing fungi of North and South America. (Renewal)

Dr. Ernest Staples Osgood, Assistant Professor of History, University of Minnesota: The preparation of a book on Montana, as a study of the evolution of a typical far western state.

Dr. Saul Kussiel Padover, Research Associate in History, University of California: The writing of the life of Louis XVI of France as a symbol of a declining civilization.

Mr. Kenneth Patchen, Poet, New York City: Creative writing in the field of poetry.

Mr. Donald Culross Peattie, Writer, Glenview, Illinois: The writing of the story of the rise in the wilderness of an idealistic American community, based on Owen's New Harmony experiment, and of its fall.

Dr. Donald McLean Purdy, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Maine: A study of European functional psychology.

Dr. Morris Roberts, New York City: The writing of a book on Henry James, to be a revaluation of James's novels and a study of their literary relations.

Miss Doris Rosenthal, Painter, Silvermine, Connecticut: Creative work in painting. (Renewal)

Dr. Alexander N. Sack, Professor of Law, New York University: The preparation of a work on the taxation of international and interstate business in its legal aspects, with special reference to Anglo-American conditions.

Mr. Antonio Salemme, Sculptor, New York City: Creative work in sculpture. (Renewal)

Mr. Isidor Schneider, Poet and Novelist, New York City: Creative writing. (Renewal)

Mr. Glanville Smith, Writer, Cold Spring, Minnesota: The preparation of a book on the West Indies, designed to be a history of the development of their character.

Dr. John Webster Spargo, Professor of English, Northwestern University: Studies of English law and literature during the later Middle Ages and the Renaissance. (Renewal)

Dr. Donald Alfred Stauffer, Assistant Professor of English, Princeton University: The gathering of materials for a history of English biography and autobiography in the 18th century.

Mr. Harry Sternberg, Etcher and Lithographer, New York City: Creative work in etching and lithography.

Dr. Marshall Harvey Stone, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Harvard University: Research in mathematics, in particular in the field of the theory of linear representation in abstract space.

Miss Catherine K. Bauer, Washington, D. C.: A study of recent developments in housing, and city and regional planning in certain European countries.

Mr. Albert Bein, Playwright, New York City: Creative writing, chiefly in the field of the drama.

Dr. Harold Francis Blum, Assistant Professor of Physiology, University of California: The preparation of a monograph on biological photosensitization.

Mr. Peter Blume, Painter, Gaylordsville, Connecticut: Creative work in painting. (Renewal)

Mr. Aaron Bohrod, Painter, Chicago: Creative work in painting.

Dr. Thomas Allan Brady, Assistant Professor of History, University of Missouri: A study, chiefly in Italy, Greece and Egypt, of the sculptured and figured monuments relating to the cult of the Egyptian gods in Hellenistic and Roman periods.

Mr. Jon Corbino, Painter, New York City: Creative work in painting.

Dr. James Thomas Culbertson, Instructor in Bacteriology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University: Studies of humoral and cellular immunological phenomena in the mechanism underlying the immunity against parasitic diseases, particularly the protozoan and helminthic infestations of man, chiefly at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Mr. Edward Doro, Poet, Phoenix, Arizona: Creative writing in the field of poetry.

Dr. Leon Edel, Journalist, New York City: The preparation of an edition of the unpublished plays of Henry James.

Mr. Charles F. Edson, Jr., American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece: A study of the historical geography and epigraphy of ancient Macedonia.

Mr. James T. Farrell, Novelist, New York City: Creative writing in the field of the novel.

Mr. Kenneth Flexner Fearing, Poet, New York City: Creative writing in the field of poetry.

Mr. Dante Fiorillo, Composer, New York City: Creative work in musical composition. (Renewal)

Dr. Solomon Gandz, New York City: Studies of early Arabic algebra, especially its connection with ancient Greek, Babylonian and Egyptian mathematics, and its influence upon medieval European mathematics.

Dr. Leo Gershoy, Associate Professor of History, Long Island University: A reinterpretation of the theories and policies of 18th century "Enlightened Despotism" as a stage in European history.

Dr. Donald Malcolm Greer, Milton, Massachusetts: The preparation of a biography of Paul Barras.

Dr. George W. D. Hamlett, Research worker, United States Biological Survey: A study of the embryology and the reproductive cycles of various South American mammals.

Dr. Abram Lincoln Harris, Professor of Economics, Howard University: A study of certain aspects of the economic systems of Karl Marx and Thorstein Veblen. (Renewal)

Mr. Jacob Hauser, Poet, New York City: Creative writing in the field of poetry.

Dr. Michael Heidelberger, Associate Professor of Biological Chemistry, Columbia University, and Chemist to the Medical Service of the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City: Studies of the mechanism of immune reactions. (Renewal)

Miss Josephine Herbst, Novelist, New York City: Creative writing in the field of the novel.

Mr. Granville Hicks, Grafton, New York: The writing of an interpretation of English literature since 1890, with particular reference to the influence of social changes upon literature and the influence of literature upon social changes.

Miss Zora Neale Hurston, Writer, New York City: The gathering of material for books on authentic Negro folk-life, in particular a study of magic practices among Negroes in the West Indies.

Dr. Leland Hamilton Jenks, Professor of Economics and Sociology, Wellesley College: Studies of the migration of British capital from 1875 to 1914.

Dr. Clifford Kirkpatrick, Professor of Sociology, University of Minnesota: An investigation in Germany and Austria of the cultural status of women and of clinical and psycho-analytic methods in relation to marital adjustments.

Mr. Ralph Leonard Kirkpatrick, Musician, New York City: A study of source material for the interpretation of 17th and 18th century chamber music.

Dr. Irving Albert Leonard, Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of California: Research into the cultural and intellectual history of Colonial Spanish America, in particular a study of its book trade during the 16th and 17th centuries.

Mr. Peppino Mangravite, Painter, Rye, New York: Creative work in painting. (Renewal)

Dr. Garrett Mattingly, Assistant Professor in Long Island University: Studies of the life and times of Catherine of Aragon, with special reference to her influence on English foreign policy, on the development of English Humanism and on the course of the Henrician reformation.

Dr. Perry G. E. Miller, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Literature, Harvard University: The preparation of an intellectual history of New England to the middle of the 18th century.

Dr. Lennox Algernon Mills, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota: A comparative study of the post-war political, governmental and economic situation in Hong Kong, the Straits Settlements and Malay States, with comparisons and contrasts drawn from the Philippines and Java.

Mr. Robert Turney, Playwright, New York City: Creative writing in the field of the drama.

Dr. Pierre Robert Vigneron, Professor of French Literature, University of Chicago: A psychological and critical study of Stendhal's life and works from his return to France in 1821 to his departure for Italy in 1830.

Mr. Carl Walters, Ceramist and Sculptor, Woodstock, New York: Creative work in ceramics. (Renewal)

Dr. Lloyd Raymond Watson, Professor of Chemistry and Director of Research, Alfred University: Research toward the development of new and improved types of honey-bees.

Dr. George Willard Wheland, Research Fellow in Chemistry, California Institute of Technology: Quantum mechanical investigations into the structure of organic molecules.

Dr. Perry William Wilson, Assistant Professor of Bacteriology and Chemistry, University of Wisconsin: Research into the problem of the fixation of nitrogen by bacteria, in consultation with European authorities.

Dr. Donald Goddard Wing, Assistant Reference Librarian, Yale University Library: The preparation of a short-title list, with locations, of all books published in Great Britain or in English from 1641-1700.

COMMITTEES OF SELECTION

The Committee of Selection for Latin America consisted of President Frank Aydelotte, Dr. Thomas Barbour, Dr. Elmer Drew Merrill, Dr. Antonio García Solalinde, and Dr. Richard P. Strong.

The Committee of Selection for the United States consisted of President Frank Aydelotte, Dean Guy Stanton Ford, Dr. Florence R. Sabin, Dr. Carl Sauer, and Dr. Edwin Bidwell Wilson. The advisory committee for applications from artists consisted of Mr. Gifford Beal, Mr. James Earle Fraser, Mr. Rockwell Kent and Mr. Eugene Speicher.

New York, N. Y.
June 1, 1936.

Henry Allen Moe.
Secretary.

February 5, 1937

My dear Sir:

16-13-36

In answer to your letter of November 3, 1936, I am listing the names of the following newspapers:

The Pittsburgh Courier
2628 Centre Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

The Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois

and the following books: "Black Reconstruction", "Darkwater", Loggins, "The Negro Author", Hurston, "Mules and Men", Fauset, "There is Confusion", and Johnson, "The Negro in American Civilization".

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Barzel Gulley
Federal Hill Club
Agowam, Massachusetts

DuBois

Mrs. Helen Ingraham Hyatt Gumes
18 Hubert St.,
Roxbury, Mass.
Suite(?) Feb. 10, 1937.

16-14-37

Mr. Wm. Burghardt Du Bois,
Dear Sir,

I am a relative of Mrs. Ina P. Freeman whom I have reason to believe is your first cousin.

I regret exceedingly to inform you that she is ill, dangerously so, and is not expected to live.

Perhaps this doesn't touch you quite so closely as it does us because we have all lived within 2 or 3 blocks of each other for more than 20 yrs. and it is considerably more than that since you could have seen her.

However to get to the point and as you may surmise it is with considerable embassement I do so, it is this:-

and a granddaughter who with her husband and 4 children is a porter. Not much to be proud of but nothing to be ashamed of.

Another phase of the subject is that Mrs. Freeman will have to have special nurses and the most important phase on which the whole appeal hinges is this:

Mrs. Freeman has given us reason to believe at sometime in the past she was able to render you some assistance. If this is so you no doubt will want to repay this kindness at a time when she is most in need of it.

We have decided to write this without the knowledge of Henrietta her daughter who is in the hospital recuperation from an operation sut of regard for her present condition.

As long as Mrs. Freeman remains alive she will never want for anything as her wants are few and we can manage. It is when she passes on that

Mrs. Freeman is 84 yrs of age and for sometime has been drawing old age pension. She has been bedridden for 4 yrs. and has long ago drawn what little insurance she had and spent it together with her weekly pension.

It was under the supervision of her daughter Henrietta, with whom she lived and who is eminently trustworthy as you can easily ascertain.

That is one phase of the subject. Another is there are at the family related to her who are willing but unable to help.

A son who with wife and 2 children has just a fair job, nothing to brag about, A daughter who with her husband is on the welfare, A grandson who with wife and two children is a night watchman, another grandson who with a wife and two children is on the W.P.A.,

the need will be urgent.

If you would commission me to undertake to buy land I think that would be splendid.

Please give this appeal your most immediate consideration and reply as soon as convenient.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Keller

18 Hubert St.

Suite 7. Dorchester, Mass.

Request for information

5/14/37

May 17, 1937

Mr. W.E.B. DuBois,
University of Atlanta
Atlanta, Ga.

16-12-23

Dear Mr. DuBois,

I am taking the liberty of writing you because I have read several of your books and believe you might be willing to grant me an hour sometime in the interests of a job I'm doing myself.

The job, in short, is a genealogical novel covering the entire story of the Negro Race in America from the founding of the Jamestown Colony to the present.

I am in desperate need of factual data concerning the specific activities of individual Negroes during the period between 1660 and the Revolution and I mean Negroes who were not working in the fields but were engaged in skilled crafts, were free and in business for themselves, were active in the professions and as artists, singers, musicians, etc.

The books I have been able to obtain deal with the subject only generally particularly between 1660 and the Revolution. From the post Revolutionary period up to the present there is a wealth of source material available. Which doesn't help me now.

I know from reading your books that you have at your finger tips an inexhaustible amount of material. Undoubtedly there are a lot of facts in your mind you have not imparted to the printed page.

While it would be difficult for me to get down to Georgia to have a talk with you and jot down some notes from the interview which would be of great value in the work I am doing, still I understand you come to New York occasionally in the summer time. Philadelphia of course is only a two hours run from New York and I would be able to hop over there from here anytime this Summer you say, provided you will be there in the coming season and would have the time available to give me.

16-12-24

I understand you are bringing out an encyclopedia covering the activities of the Negro Race in the country from about the time of the Jamestown settlement to the present. Will that be out shortly? If so, it would of course be an answer to my problem.

Thanking you for any attenion you may care to give this letter, I am

Very truly yours

Stuart Hamill

Stuart Hamill
News Department
The Evening Bulletin
Phila. Pa.

Paul Cuffe
Amo

May 28, 1937

My dear Mr. Hamill:

16-12-25

Answering your letter of May 17, I beg to say that we have planned and are engaged upon preliminary work for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro which we hope to have in print in the next few years.

The period that you refer to is covered in part by the lives of Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784), Paul Cuffe, Jupiter Hammon (1720-1790?), Thomas Fuller, James Dorham, Benjamin Banneker, Briton Hammon; all were men of some distinction before, during, and just after the Revolution. You will find an essay on these beginning from 1760 to 1790 in Vernon Loggins' "The Negro Author", Columbia University Press, 1931.

I trust these notes may help you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Stuart Hamill
News Department
The Evening Bulletin
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 4, 1937

My dear Madam:

I have your correspondence of last November. No person can write the introduction to a book unless he knows what the book is by having actually read it or knows the authors. In the case of your book I have no information on either point and therefore, as I think you can see, I should hesitate to promise to write an introduction.

15-15-11

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Iva Louise Handy
Hampton Institute, Box 28
Virginia

Request to send manuscript

2/11/37

Hampton Institute
Virginia
February 9,1937

16-6-03

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your note of February 4,1937.

Mr. Fletcher and I would be very glad to send you the manuscript of our book,"Negro Education Today,by the Presidents of Twenty Negro Colleges",so that you might read it before deciding whether or not to do the preface or short introduction to it. The Macmillan publishing company is holding the manuscript until the two outstanding articles are sent in. As soon as they receive these,they will read the material for possible publication.

We should,therefore,like to have your decision as soon as possible so that we may submit it to Macmillan. May we send you the material which we have,for your consideration?

The authors of the articles are the presidents of twenty outstanding and representative Negro colleges. The editors,Mr. Fletcher and I,are on the teaching staff of Hampton Institute.

Very truly yours,
Ira L. Hardy

February 11, 1937

Dear Madam:

Please do not send your manuscript now. I am over my eyes with work and do not have time to read it. Besides, the manuscript without "two outstanding articles" would scarcely be complete. I think it would be better to get the Macmillan decision and then, if you wish, let me see the manuscript.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Iva L. Handy
Hampton Institute
Virginia

P. S. Or, when complete, send original to Mcmillan and copy to me by registered mail. I shall return it promptly.

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Signed and mailed manuscript

2/23/37

Hampton Institute
Virginia
February 19,1937

16-6-05

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your note of February 11,in regard to our request that you write the introductory preface to our book,"Negro Education Today,by the Presidents of Twenty Negro Colleges".Mr Fletcher and I will keep your answer on file until we are able to get a decision as to publication,or until the manuscript is complete.

Very sincerely yours,

Ira Louise Handy

(Lewis Hanke)

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
1414 EAST FIFTY-NINTH STREET
CHICAGO

Feb. 17, 1937

16-5-15

Dear Logan:

No, I hadn't heard about the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I doubt whether either Redfield or I will run across anything of importance in Guatemala because — so far as I know — few negroes are to be found there. However you may be sure that I will get in touch with you if anything does come to light.

It occurred to me that Donald Pierson of the University of Chicago might be able to write something for the Encyclopaedia on the Negro in Brasil. You doubtless saw the note in the recent Handbook on his studies in Brazil. You can get

in touch with him through Redfield, though I understand that he will not return to this country until March and perhaps not until June.

You will be interested to know that the American Council of Learned Studies has appropriated enough money to assure the publication of the next Handbook. If at any time you have any suggestions concerning it, please feel free to send them along.

Sincerely Yours

Lewis Hanke

January 6, 1937

Dear Miss Cuff:

Permit me to acknowledge, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, the receipt of your letter of December 23, 1936, and your check in the amount of $89.77.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

16-7

Miss Margaret G. Cuff
Harcourt, Brace and Company
383 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

Atlanta, Georgia

January 16, 1938

Harcourt, Brace and Company
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

14-25-2

Gentlemen:

Please send me (3) copies of "Black Reconstruction". I would like to be billed with author's discount.

Very sincerely yours

W. E. B. Du Bois

WEBD/DW

(PARTIALLY ILLEGIBLE)

Harcourt, Brace and Co.

Department of Sociology

February 11, 1937

15-31-6

My dear Mr. Harcourt:

As perhaps you know I have just returned from a trip around the world. I was in England when Eden announced the failure of sanctions; I was in France at the time of the devaluation of the franc; I made short trips to Belgium and Austria; and I spent nearly six months in Germany visiting all the chief regions; I was ten days in Russia traversing the Trans-Siberian from Moscow to Otpur; I spent a week in Manchukuo, ten days in China, two weeks in Japan, and stopped in Honolulu on the way home.

On the basis of this trip I have in mind, and partially written, a book of about two hundred pages to be called "A Search for Democracy". I want in this book to try to compare, in the different countries that I have seen, the effort to carry on government in accordance with the popular will and especially to discuss the means and methods by which governments today are trying to face new problems of work and wage, income and wealth. I want to see how far I can induce Democracy, Fascism, and Communism to speak the same language and to draw into the picture the colored peoples of the world: the peoples of China, Japan, and India, and the peoples of Africa.

My main thesis is that government today, whether it will or not, must regulate and in part conduct industry; that the world is to near unity to leave colored labor and the wishes of colored peoples out of the equation; I want to emphasize the fact that the fundamental differences between governments today are not differences between Democracy, Fascism, and Communism, but differences as to how far and in what way governments are going to attack the problem of work and wages and the distribution of wealth, and that that problem being settled the next problem is one of method and ability.

I want to put this book into popular form by beginning with the difficulty of discussing problems of politics and economics in a small, southern, Negro college. Then I am sending my colored professor on leave of absence without pay and have him correspond with the woman friend whom he has left behind. She writes from time to time about democracy in America and particularly the practical application of democracy in committees, boards of trustees, group organization, and local government. He, on the other hand, writes of democracy in England and France, of Hitler and the Nazis, and of Russia. Then he plunges into the contradictions and implications of the new political and economic revolution in China and Japan and its inevitable extension in other parts of the East. He then comes back to the newer aspects

of the African question, disfranchisement and land monopoly in South and East Africa, the conquest of Ethiopia, and industry and raw materials in West Africa, and the influence of all this on incipient war in Europe.

What would you think of a book like this and would your firm see a chance to handle it? I could have it ready by April 15.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Alfred Harcourt
Harcourt, Brace and Company
383 Madison Avenue
New York City, New York

June 11, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send six copies of "Black Reconstruction" to Dr. Du Bois? The author's discount will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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New York City

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W. E. B. DuBois
Dept. of Sociology
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July 20, 1937

My dear Mr. Harcourt:

Will you please permit me to introduce to you my friend, Rayford W. Logan. Mr. Logan is head of the Department of History in Atlanta University, and received at Harvard last year his doctor of philosophy in history. Mr. Logan is a former first lieutenant in the A. E. F. and was Phi Beta Kappa at Williams College where he was graduated. He has traveled in the West Indies and Mexico, and is an authority on the history and race relations of the West Indies Islands, Central America, and South America. The thesis which he presented for his doctorate he is proposing to rewrite and make into a book, and I have asked him to consult you about it. I will be very glad indeed of any advise or encouragement that you can give him.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Alfred Harcourt
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March 24th, 1937

Dr. W. E. Dubois
210 West 150th Street
New York, New York

4/1/37

16-19-54

Dear Dr. Dubois:

On March 31st of this year our Co-operative is completing the second year of its activities as a Consumers Cooperative, distributing milk and cream in the Dunbar Apartments. Its service has never failed and from the inclosed letter you will see that plans are being made to expand our work to the newly erected Harlem River Houses.

The members of the organization are aware of your writings on this economic self-help plan and wish to approach you again to join with us in the demonstration of its practibility. Mrs. Anna L. Moore has in her possession a letter showing an analyses of our milk. Our Grade B milk is in every respect equivalent to the Grade A of the leading milk companies containing four percent butter fat whereas our Grade A milk is of a very rich quality of five percent butter fat. The same grade of milk is being supplied to nearly all of New York's hospitals.

Will you kindly advise your neighbor, Mrs. Anna L. Moore, of the date when we may begin service. In anticipation of such news, we are thanking you.

Cooperatively yours,

HARLEM'S OWN CO-OPERATIVE, INC.

Harry F. V. Edward

HARRY F. V. EDWARD,
General Manager

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[Enclosure]

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16-19-55

The Harlem River P.W.A. Housing Project, which is about to be completed, offers an ideal opportunity for the expanding of the Co-operative self-help plan.

It is proposed to have in this Housing Project:

1) A Co-operative Grocery Store and
2) A Co-operative Milk Route.

Harlem's Own Co-operative Inc., an organization owned by Consumer-Members, controlled by them and operated for their benefit has - for nearly two years - served residents of the Dunbar Apartments with dairy products. This organized consumer-group has provided employment and paid 4% interest on its capital.

In order to realize the plan outlined above, finances are required. Harlem's Own Co-operative Inc. offers for sale at this time 1000 Shares at Five Dollars each. All classes of citizens are invited. You may participate in this co-operative movement by and for the consumer by mailing the enclosed application form.

Co-operatively yours,

HARLEM'S OWN CO-OPERATIVE INC.

Grace Hunter, Secretary.

P.S. The enclosed pamphlet describes briefly the features of a Consumers' Co-operative.

Encs:(2)

March 17, 1937

My dear Sir:

16-7-19

On last December while I was abroad you wrote me concerning Populism in Alabama and especially political combination between blacks and whites. I presume an answer is too late for your purpose but I may say that very little real work has been done on this most interesting subject. For Georgia there is a book by A. M. Arnett, "The Populist Movement in Georgia" published by Columbia University in its studies, Volume CIV, 1922. This is an interesting work and touches a little on the union of white and black workers. S. J. Buck's "The Granger Movement" in the Harvard Series, 1913, is a broader general study but I do not know whether he has much to say about Alabama and the union of workers there. W. S. Morgan, "History of the Wheel and Alliance" St. Louis, 1931, ought to touch the subject but I am not certain how far it does. You will find a bibliography in the back of Arnett. The best real source would be the Birmingham newspapers during the period.

I am sorry that I could not answer your letter earlier.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. George R. Leighton
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York City, New York

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April 1, 1937.

16-7-20

Dear Mr. DuBois:

It was very kind of you to write me as you did. I think I have got enough about the Populists now.

Sincerely yours,

George Haynes

W.E.B. DuBois, Esq.,
Dept. of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

GRL:MHR

See Memo 37

16-18-3

Teacher Training Institute,
Athens, Georgia,
July 6, 1917.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I received a let-
ter from Mrs. Georgia Doug-
las, whom you know, request-
ing me to secure her the
N.A.A.C.P. Thus far I have
not succeeded - I'll agree
not get one free.

I learned from Mary Hands
that you passed thru some with-
out stopping - I couldn't believe
it! She tells me that you contem-
plate coming down in the near
future - Come out while you're
here -

Very truly yours,

J. E. Y. Harris

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Harrison:

I have heard of you through a mutual friend Mr. Shigeyoshi Sakabe with whom I was associated for a couple of weeks in Japan. I do not know whether or not I have met you but at any rate I should like to know something of your career and prospects and what outlook there is for your pursuing your work. Mr. Sakabe had the highest regard for you and your ability.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. William Harrison
93 Ellington Street
Dorchester, Massachusetts

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Social Science - 1937

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1536 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
12 February 1937

16-1-8-9

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your note of 4 February, which revived within me pleasant memories of my own association with Mr. Sakabe.

I am quite sure that we have not met since it has never been my good fortune even to hear you at a public meeting. Something ought to be done about inviting you to speak at the University.

My career has kept me very much confined within academic walls for the past eight years, save for a brief period of exploratory study in England. I use 'exploratory' advisedly, for study abroad, in the case of the coloured races, is always inevitably something more than confinement to a desk in the British Museum or the Bibliothèque Nationale.

At Harvard I have taken in course both my A.B. and A.M., and I have been admitted as

a non-Collegiate Research Student to the University of Cambridge, where I shall matriculate as soon as certain practical difficulties are surmounted. All these difficulties condition, as the Marquis would be the first to allege, my present prospects and my outlook for the future.

You will note my change of address. Your note was delayed in transit — hence my delay in replying to it — because Mr. Satake apparently still had my old address.

Very sincerely yours,
W. E. Harrison

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

Box 187.
Croydon,
Bucks Co.,
Penna.

Dr. Sir Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta
Geo.

My dear sir:—

I have in hand and for sale the very valuable History of Haiti or Hispaniola. It was written by Hon. E. Edwards Bassett United States representative to Haiti under President McKinley. There are only three (3) of these histories in Existence One in the Congressional Library at Washington one in the Bassett family (The Author) and this one I offer for sale which was given to my father by Hon. Wm. Bassett in 1894 while residing in

New Haven Conn It is the only true and authentic history of the African Negro's entrance into Slavery, and the origin of the presence of the Negro in America Yale College a few time after thorough My investigating as to the impossibility of obtaining a copy any where else or in any Library offered $100 for same, but my father before his death made known he wished it to remain in the hands of our race if possible.

Respt
(Mrs) L. B. Hartless

Mar. 19th 1907

April 16, 1937

41-9-199

My dear Madam:

I am, of course, interested in Mr. Bassett's history as my grandmother was a Bassett but the price which you mention puts it far beyond my capabilities.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. L. B. Hartless
Box 187, Croydon, Bucks County
Pennsylvania

13 Oct 187.

Croydon,
Bucks Co.,
Penn.

Dr. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Ga.

16-18-55

Dear Sir:—

Yours of the 16th at hand. I thank you very much for interest shown in the History for Sale, and it is indeed interesting to note the relationship you claim on the Bassett side. Mr. Bassett during his time was my father's closest friend, while both families resided in New Haven Conn. Mr. J. P. Baker, Alderman of the City and you may remember him as President of the State Summer League of Conn. You speak of the price, of course that was the price set by my father and I am now waiting and holding the book at the request of a prospective buyer, for one month at the end of which time, should anything turn up unexpectedly to make it impossible for the parties to take same. (and that time has almost expired now) I wish we could strike a happy medium for it is doubly interesting as

the fact Mr Peaker hoped that it might remain in our own race & because of your interest in the Bassett family. I will write you immediately upon hearing from them, and I am.

Respt.
Lida B. Hartless

Apr. 19th 1937.

June 5, 1937

16-18-56

My dear Madam:

I do not see any possibility of my offering you anything like the value of Mr. Bassett's book on Haiti. I think, therefore, you had better sell it to the highest bidder.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Lida B. Hartless
Croydon, Box 187
Bucks County
Pennsylvania

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April 10, 1937

Dear Du Bois

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All of us who went to the Tercentenary celebration last year came away thrilled with an enlarged realization of what Harvard stands for in the world of education -- in the past, at present, and in promise for the future -- and convinced that we have a President worthy to take his place in the great succession of Harvard leaders.

To make good that promise for the future, Harvard must rely on the continuing loyalty of her sons, and as President Conant says in his last report "The yearly unrestricted contributions of the Harvard Fund are of particular importance to the welfare of the University".

Few men are able to make large contributions and few are unable to give as much as a dollar and we want as large a percentage of the Class represented in the giving as may be possible.

Last year '90 stood 16th in percentage of contributors, a gain of 1.6% over the previous year. If we could only get just a few more of the 61% of the Class to join the list of givers (for any amount) and hold the 39% of contributors, we might take a place more worthy of the admitted greatness of our Class. '90 this way!

Yours,

Chas. B. Barnes

Class Agent.

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1873	17	15	22	23	22	19	20	19	16	12
1874	26	30	23	22	15	13	11	12	12	10
1875	26	27	23	16	13	12	15	11	8	7
1876	7	14	14	11	9	11	11	11	10	11
1877	39	39	44	42	42	32	27	24	19	20
1878	36	39	34	28	37	32	24	25	23	25
1879	45	41	47	36	29	28	25	28	23	27
1880	29	27	24	34	26	24	22	18	19	16
1881	38	42	42	40	49	39	38	37	36	36
1882	24	32	29	26	25	30	21	28	23	21
1883	40	35	45	39	51	45	50	42	44	42
1884	32	32	40	36	35	34	37	42	35	40
1885	83	85	86	83	74	72	62	65	103	94
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1889	46	45	57	52	52	47	65	61	62	66
1890	67	71	72	71	58	71	68	74	73	74
1891	66	70	61	73	77	62	60	55	55	64
1892	72	76	85	86	94	86	82	82	76	95
1893	59	65	66	70	65	62	79	81	84	84
1894	101	97	120	122	111	120	120	143	120	126
1895	86	107	127	148	116	93	87	86	90	124
1896	130	124	145	136	122	153	141	155	153	141
1897	114	125	138	138	133	157	168	176	203	181
1898	92	104	115	116	110	89	135	105	109	134
1899	137	138	129	104	126	89	78	154	157	189
1900	96	176	228	239	269	212	158	170	208	195
1901	93	96	127	113	88	125	141	168	155	182
1902	122	117	107	151	125	133	147	176	168	168
1903	78	465	103	236	276	241	257	263	268	274
1904	142	166	402	79	107	128	156	130	146	181
1905	89	90	89	125	181	188	161	173	243	191
1906	142	156	122	106	114	112	83	121	130	145
1907	99	11	30	79	196	26	85	132	151	176
1908	185	164	169	216	218	193	†471	240	251	318
1909	108	111	116	112	116	155	108	†423	‡1	‡21
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1911	127	115	103	122	101	76	122	91	135	†400
1912	91	111	123	135	153	156	162	165	150	144
1913	95	89	108	71	85	106	96	79	191	215
*1914	55	75	86	85	74	86	83	99	121	122
1915	88	118	123	126	97	203	186	184	205	191
1916	59	113	119	95	118	70	89	135	148	126
*1917	56	90	84	131	205	197	167	162	187	162
1918	64	31	77	86	81	140	108	115	93	143
*1919	61	73	68	66	70	85	60	109	101	101
*1920	86	95	99	91	81	73	90	91	84	105
1921	140	116	115	170	157	129	134	131	139	151
1922	78	114	84	120	113	128	115	122	129	124
1923	112	127	124	131	119	112	106	121	110	140
*1924	34	33	38	36	58	76	73	59	104	118
*1925	57	81	75	94	93	73	75	83	117	115
1926	128	123	116	108	85	128	106	99	106	108
1927	267	223	282	271	272	263	260	226	230	254
1928		144	136	140	114	101	101	123	143	252
1929			167	109	113	130	101	130	150	142
1930				143	71	108	84	77	95	126
1931					149	107	130	122	60	145
1932						263	149	180	177	198
1933							180	147	136	214
1934								192	155	196
1935									153	163
1936										176

*Classes marked with an asterisk are raising a considerable share of their twenty-fifth anniversary gifts by endowment insurance or other methods independent of the Harvard Fund. The number of men in each of these classes so engaged is as follows: 1914 . . 90; 1917 . . 91; 1919 . . 200; 1920 . . 102; 1924 . . 336; 1925 . . 328.

†See pp. 3, and 7 or 6, Annual Report of the year concerned.

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§The Class of 1910 conducted a special and separate campaign in 1934 which accounts for the drop in the number of its contributors to the Fund in that year.

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I enclose my check for the above amount.

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May 19, 1937

16-7-23

Sir:

Is it customary for graduates of Harvard University to wear a gold tassel on their caps in token of an earned degree such as a Ph. D.?

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dean, Graduate School
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

24 University Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 27, 1937

16-7-24

My dear Professor DuBois:

Your letter of May 19 has come to this office, and I write to tell you that it is not customary for degree holders of Harvard University to wear gold tassels on their caps. The gold tassel is reserved for the President of Harvard University only.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Wadman

Secretary to the Dean

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois

Harvard Commencement June 24, 1937

The Class of 1887

requests the pleasure of the company of

Mr. Du Bois

at luncheon at

Phillips Brooks House

from twelve until half past one o'clock

Herbert Lincoln Clark
Class Secretary

Please reply to
William Endicott, 111 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Please present this card at the entrance between Hollis and Stoughton

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(HARVARD)

June 5, 1937

My dear Sir:

I appreciate the invitation to attend the luncheon at Phillips Brooks House for the Class of 1887 on June 24, and regret very much that I shall unable to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-7

Mr. William Endicott, III
Devonshire Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gerhard Hauptmann

New York, den 28. Januar 19 37

Social Mexico - 937

Herrn
Dr. W.E.Burghardt DuBois
210 W. 150th street
New York City

15-31-2

Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Dubois.

Ich bin erst vor kurzer Zeit aus Deutschland hierher gekommen und habe gestern mit allergroesstem Interesse Ihr Interview in der "New York Post" gelesen.-

Ich haette Sie nun gern auch einmal in dieser Angelegenheit privat und ganz persoenlich gesprochen und wuerde mich sehr freuen, wenn Sie mir Gelegenheit zu einer Aussprache geben wuerden.-

Ich sehe Ihrer Mitteilungen, wann es Ihnen am gelegensten ist, mit Interesse entgegen und zeichne

hochachtungsvoll

G. Hauptmann

Meine Adresse ist:
c/o Wichmann Export Corporation
277 Broadway, Room 210
New York City.

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Hauptmann:

I am very sorry indeed that your kind letter of January 28 did not reach me early enough so that I could call upon you before I left New York. I had to hurry to my desk here in order to begin my lectures for the second semester. I should greatly appreciate the honor of your acquaintance. I know something of your work and career and I am glad to be among the many friends who welcome you to America.

My interview as reported in the "Post" was quite considerably distorted. I did not mean to make any direct comparison between Negroes in America and Jews in Germany but did want to emphasize the extraordinary cruelty of the Nazi attitude toward Jews.

I trust I shall see you before you leave the country.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Gerhard Hauptmann
c/o Wichmann Export Corporation
277 Broadway, Room 210
New York City, New York

Collegeboro, Georgia
May 24, 1937.

K-12-27

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBoise:

I am making a study of Negro Normal Schools and Colleges in the South. If you can and will send me the name and location of these schools I will greatly appreciate it.

Yours truly,

A. L. Henderson

May 28, 1937

My dear Mr. Caliver:

Please permit me, in answer to your letter addressed to Dr. Du Bois, to suggest that you write to Mr. Ambrose Caliver, Department of the Interior, Office of Education, Washington, D. C., for the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. A. L. Henderson
Collegeboro
Georgia

Black Reconstruction

Chicago, Illinois
2019 maypole ave
March 31 - 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University.

My Dear Dr. Dubois:

I have contemplated writing you for a long time. But each time my nerve failed. There are so many things I desire to say and don't know how to say them adequately. So please forgive incoherence and errors.

I've read several of your books and was deeply impressed by them. I have a copy of your debate with Stoddard and I heard your lecture at the Good Shepherd Church here in 1936. I was ill when you were here the last time. And I was so sorry I could not hear you. As you are the best lecturer I've ever heard and attending lectures, debates and forums is my hobby.

I suppose I should tell you a few things concerning myself. I am Bernice Hereford I live on Chicago's West Side. I have a desire

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to be a public speaker. I've done some political, church and club speaking. I am working at present in the Illinois Dept of Labor on Wacker Drive as a file clerk. I am married and have two fine sons Seven & Eight. My husband is a mechanic and is studying "Beauty Culture" nights so we are doing our best with God's help to attain certain goals. That's about all about me.

16-3-2

I read the Crisis regularly when you were editor and deeply regretted your leaving the N.A.A.C.P. To me you are a truly great man. To hear you say that after 35 yrs of thinking one way so have now concluded that that way was not all together the best way. It take real courage and manhood and Godhood to stand for one convictions and admit an error.

You mentioned a book you were writing called "Reconstruction" do it asking too much for you to autograph one for me to keep and to use as a symbol to my boys. To give them courage to fight on. I'll pay for the book what ever it costs. I want your personal autograph.

Too if you are to be in Chicago ever and I could have the pleasure of talking with you for even a short while I'd be in a seventh heaven. A dream realized. I shook your

(over)

and at the Church that night featuring a
reading on of Edward Tunbridge.

My father a former school principal in
Ky. admires you tremendously and I well know
Negroes that we do not talk of you.

I hope you will have time to read
and answer this letter yourself.

Yours truly

(Mrs) Bernice Hereford

2019 Maypole ave

Chicago, Ill.

April 12, 1937

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My dear Madam:

I thank you for your letter of March 31. My book "Black Reconstruction" published by Harcourt, Brace and Company can be had at any bookstore or I can send you an autographed copy from here. The published price is four dollars but by giving you the office discount the price will be $3.50 postage prepaid.

I appreciate your kind words.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Bernice Hereford
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May 11, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The best book in cultural anthropology at the present time is "The Study of Man" by Ralph Linton, published by Appleton-Century. It is closely written and closely reasoned but for senior college and graduate students it should fit your purpose admirably.

Yours sincerely,

Melville J. Herskovits

Dr. W.E.B Du Bois,
Dept. of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Department of Sociology February 3, 1937

My dear Mr. Hikida:

I want to thank you again and more formally for the most interesting and informing trip which I had in Japan and for which you were so largely responsible. I deeply appreciate all that you have done and hope at some time to talk more at length with you about it.

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I have just returned to my work in Atlanta and the prospects seem interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Yasuichi Hikida
Bedford Hills
New York

YASUICHI HIKIDA
BEDFORD HILLS
NEW YORK

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February 11, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

It was so good to see you again in New York! I was glad that you have had a pleasant trip to the Orient. I am in receipt of your letter of recent date in which you wrote me very formal thanks for the small part that I had taken in preparation of your trip. But you really do not owe me any thank at all.

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Let me, first of all, tell you that it was the Japanese that owe you many thanks. Judging from the publicity you have received, and from many letters that I have received from home, my friends, as well as the Japanese at large, were very grateful to you. Indeed it must have been a rare privilege to have a visitor to Japan whose sympathy, understanding, and interest in Asia so deep as you are.

Then, as for myself - if you allow me to say such a personal matter - it is hard for me to find an approcriate word of appreciation for the atchievement you have made in this Oriental trip. As one who have been deeply interested in the Negro Problem in the United States for the past many years, I naturally owe many obligations to many friends, both the Negro and Japanese. One way to discharge of even a small part of this obligation is to present the Negro problem in Japan. Now, you have done this very thing through your trip in a way that I could not possibly done it myself with all my life. This is the reason that I feel that I owe you, instead of you owe me, thanks.

Let us hope that the fine atmosphere you have created in Japan, be kept permanent in order to give a birth to a halthy tree of mutual understanding and to bear a fruit.

Hoping to be able to see you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. Hikida

257 W. 85th Street,
New York, N. Y.
March 3, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I wish to extend my sincere congraturation to you for the successful barthday party you had at Atlanta University. I read about it this morning in the Amsterdam News.

Professor Miyake of Tokio Imperial University (who was one of the guests at President Abe's dinner at Aoyama Gakuin) is here in New York, and he will be remain until about the end of this month. He was asking about you.

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Professor Takeuchi of Kansei Gakuin (one of the groups of my friends whom you had the first Sukiyaki party in Japan) is also here in New York. He will stay here until June.

Now, if it possible, I would like to have a Sukiyaki party in New york with these gentlemen and you as my personal guests. If you consider it advisable, I would like to ask Mr. James Weldon Johnson and Dr. Tobias to join our party -- since they were in Japan and have something in common to talk about.

I may invite some of my personal friends to the party, but in any case I will not do so until your approval of inviting such persons.

If it possible to materialize this party, I will write you about details and definite date and place, but first of all, I shall be appreciated if you let me know about your convenience and the date you will be available in New York during this month, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. Hikida

Y. Hikida

KRAUS- SOULS

April 16, 1957

My dear Mr. Hikida:

Enclosed is the somewhat long delayed proposed introduction to the translation of "The Souls of Black Folk". Have you heard anything about the young man's progress recently?

While I was in Japan the Penn Club gave me a dinner and a photograph was taken at the time. There were several noted authors present both Japanese and Chinese, but I neglected to get a copy of the photograph. I wonder if you could try and get a copy for me? I should appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Yasuichi Hikida
Bedford Hills
New York

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YASUICHI HIKIDA
BEDFORD HILLS
NEW YORK

April 20, 1937.

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for the introduction. I am mailing it today to the translator, Mr. Kusama. I am expecting a friend from home who will arrive here sometime during the next month. He is a friend of Mr. Kusama, I will hear the latest news.

I wrote Mr. Tagashira today about the photograph. I think it is very easy to get it.

16-10-58

Enclosed Japanese post card will be a news to disappoint to you. You must have asked Prof. Ohki of Aoyama Gakuin to purchase for you some publication from Asahi Shimbun (The Japanese Culture at the Opening of the country?) If you need it very badly, I will check it at the Columbia Library and try to get one from home at a second hand book store.

Prof. Kodama of Kansei Gakuin wrote me the other day and told me that he had received a letter from you. Prof. Ariga (the translator of your lecture at Doshi-sha University) wrote me ~~a letter~~ which I received yesterday. Both Kodama and Ariga speak of very highly.

I sent the other day several sets of your Courier articles on your Oriental trip. (eight ~~articles~~ articles in all). I hope you or Mr. Vann will be able to save at least twenty-sets of these articles for a FUTURE USE.
(Remember that I had ordered 100 copies of the Crisis that carried Mr. Berg's Manchrian cartoon? At that time I had no idea HOW to use them, but I knew that that issue could be used someday in someway. So I kept them in the office of the Crisis. Now, five years after, I used them all in connection of your trip to the Orient!)
So please do save those articles as many sets as you can.

My translation of Toussaint-Louverture was done: the MSS is on way to Japan. If possible I like to publish it in English also. I have made a considerable research work on that subject.

I am glad you are well. I am well also.

Very sincerely,

Y. Hikida

[Fragment]

Hikida

America, New Negro, and Japan.

The discussion that I have carried up to this point will naturally suggest the beginning of Negro education in the Orient. I may write, therefore, a few lines about the cradle of Japanese education in the United States. By so doing, I shall be able, I hope, to convince the reader of the importance and significance of this line of thinking.

Three quarters of a century ago -- in the year 1859, to be precise -- Rev. Samuel R. Brown went to Japan as one of the very first Protestant missionaries from America. He stayed in Japan for twenty years, during which time he took a very prominent part in introducing Western culture to Japan, establishing a school to teach English, translating the Bible into the Japanese language, sending many Japanese youths to America to study, etc.

It is interesting to point out a fact that Samuel Brown went to Japan in the same year in which John Brown struck the blow at Harper's Ferry. Both incidents, of course, were the outgrowth of humanitarian sentiment which at that time was sweeping the North. Furthermore, both Browns belonged to the same cultural stream of 'blue blood' from the MAYFLOWER. Both were born in the heart of Yankee Connecticut - John Brown in 1800, and Samuel Brown in 1810. In 1859, while John Brown was making the final preparation at the Kennedy Farm, Samuel Brown was perhaps leaning against the hatch over the fore-deck

of the ship in mid-Pacific Ocean. One Brown was kneeling under falling leaves in a Maryland night, and asking divine guidance for his brave mission of liberating black slaves, while the other Brown was kneeling under the clear sky that covered the whole ocean, and asking help of Jesus Christ for the noble work of Christianization of the yellow 'heathens' in the Orient. While one was commanding his handful of followers of black and white crusaders: "Men, take your arms!...." the other was dreaming the day of his great joy when the first native Christian would be received in his faith. (Apparently it took about five years time to baptize the first native Christian. During October 1864, a Japanese named Riu Yano became the first Protestant Christian in Japan). Uplifting the yellow race in a far away country, and liberating the black race in his own country. Two lofty dreams by two noble Puritan souls, by the descendants of the famous MAYFLOWER who had an identical family name, in the same year and almost at the same time. One the "God's Angry Man", and the other "The Maker of New Orient".

There is little question that the phenomenal rise of Japan as world power today owes much to her vigorous effort for the past three quarters of a century in learning of Western culture and its ideas; the adaptation in many ways and imitation to a great extent by the people of Japan of the Western ways of living -- superficially at least. Naturally I was obliged to think when I went to Monson, Massachusetts and paid my respects to the grave of Samuel R. Brown who lies in peace under the evergreen of Hillside Cemetery.

It was an early evening of an October. New England was covered by gorgeous foliage of every known color on earth. From the hill top of the cemetery I could see the horizon in every direction. Marvellous panorama view of near and far. A huge Oriental rug of topographic design! There I was standing alone. Sky was clear. Breeze was gentle. There was but a pleasant sound, song of stream that run below the cemetery. I could imagine and was able to listen to the beautiful tune of "I love to steal awhile away from every cumbering care...." (This Hymn was written by the mother of the noble missionary. She also lies in eternal rest beside her son.) So I started to think. And my thought went back to my beloved country. I thought of the 250 years of peaceful isolation of Japan prior to the coming of Perry's 'black ship' in 1853. I thought of the forced opening of the country by America. I thought of the very beginning of Japanese education of Westernization which was started in Monson Academy of that small New England village. I thought about the Westernization of Japan, the good and bad of it, and its net balance in her favor. And I thanked the divine Providence! I thought of time -- three quarters of a century.....a healthy man's lifetime.

Beside the graves of Samuel Brown, stand two monuments to the Japanese youths who died at Monson, one in 1867, and the other in 1873, while they were studying there. The monuments were erected by the fellow students from Japan and are inscribed with the Japanese letters. Again I thought. I thought of their aspiration, their pioneer spirit, their nerve

to shoulder on them the destiny of their nation and their race. Above all, I thought of their deed. Providence took their lives and left their bodies lie smouldering under the significant monuments that stand over the foreign soil. But their souls--Ah! everlasting young, vigorous souls-- flew back to their native land, and ever since have been marching on and on with the rise of Japan! I thanked again the divine Providence.

The coming of the Negro race to the New World almost coincided with the beginning of Japanese isolation from the rest of the world. (Prior to that time, there were quite a good many Negroes from Africa, mostly young men, who came to Japan either in Portuguese or Dutch ships. We have preserved in Japan many paintings that show the Negro sailors and workmen in the ship, who came to Japan at that time.) Thus, while Japan was building up gradually her own culture and civilization during the 250 years in isolation, the Negro in the New World during that long period, was breaking down miserably all of his own African culture. Furthermore, not only giving his physical labor to white men for nothing, but the Negro was forced to receive his mental punishment in turn, that is: All good is white, and all bad is black. White everything, black nothing. Thus, worshipping a white god in one hand, and on the other hand, despising the black-self.

Japanese isolation was ended when the Negro in America ended as the slave. The Japanese Westernization was

begun when the Freedman's education was begun. These two efforts for the advancement of two colored races in our time have brought forth, in the course of seventy and odd years, a most interesting, exciting, and welcoming problem, and have presented to the Twentieth Century, the Color Line. Black and Yellow men today have come to be able to understand the language and the thought of white men. Furthermore, all of us today can learn one another-- provided, of course, that either white man or black man wishes and does learn Oriental culture and ideas as perseveringly as the Japanese has done in her learning of the Occidental culture and ideas. This to my mind is a pre-requisite exercise before we step into the palace of orientation for an international or interracial 'new deal'-- to sing together Peace on Earth, and pray together before God the coming of a better human society and Humanity.

Three quarters of a century ago, two young men from Japan died at Monson. Two cold stones were erected in their memory which are standing still in silence ever since. Today, however, these monuments speak the meaning. They have become the important mile-stones, indicating an epoch-making turn of Japanese history. This is the significance of the cradle of Japanese education in America. Of course it is not these pioneer youths alone that have been responsible for spreading the Western knowledge and culture in Japan. This effort has been done largely by the young men who followed to the lead of the pioneer by either going abroad or remaining at home,

but always with their characteristic aggressiveness in learning of new ideas and new methods from all over the world. Less than forty years ago, there was in Japan an unknown lad. He wanted to study, but was poor. So he applied for a part time work from a foreigner who lived in Tokio. The boy got the job, but was discharged before long on account of his poor English. The foreigner who hired and fired the school boy has become today to be no other person than General John Pershing. And the poor boy has become today to distinguish himself as the Premier of Japan, Koki Hirota. To me this is one of the interesting episodes of our time.

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For the past three qgarters century, the American Negro has looked to the West for his education. He has learned the idea of human Liberty, Equality, Justice, Democracy and Brotherhood. He has learned further than that. He has learned what these high desirable and noble ideas MEAN TO HIM -- in the very land of the free in which both himself and these ideas live together. He has striven himself to become an integral part of the country. And he finds himself today an American, yet a foreigner. In the march of American civilization, he is either forced out to a side-line, or merely allowed to trail in the rear -- if he is not left out behind as the last 'forgotten man'. On the contrary, he is usually remembered first to be fired from a job, picked out as criminal, singled out for the victim of mob rule. Here is the reason why many intelligent Negroes of America today have realized that the race has to seek its own way out. Thus, a task of manly worth is awaiting the rise of new leadership.

As I see it, the real leadership of black people to-morrow belongs to the unknown youths who are rising now with a new idea of our age, the Pacific Era. For the intelligent Negro youth today, therefore, it has become an essential requirement to be familiar with the international political situation, particularly a first hand, unfeigned, accurate, knowledge of the East. (For instance, let Mr. Henry L. Stimson, by all means, keep to himself his five year old pet theory of so-called 'non-recognition', and keep it alive to write a book of rather amusing but with an alarming title: "THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS". But let the American Negro watch and see for himself an amazing progress and healthy growth of five year old nation in the Far East, Manchoukou. Then, the Negro will learn something, not a theory, but the brutal reality -- including the friendly commercial relation with the United States.) Perhaps there is no finer green pasture than the heart of the American Negro that is so well suited as the playground for the famous Twin, East and West. Therein the Twin, contrary to Kipling's contention, shall meet!

"Men look to the East for the dawning things
For the light of a rising sun.
But they look to the West, the crimson West
For the things that are done.

For out of the East they always come---
The cradle that saw the birth
Of all the heart-warm hopes of men,
And all hopes of earth."

I believe this: that the human mind, human intelligence, human faith will triumph. That, in the long run, a conservative, long-ranged plan will bring forth a sound and

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My dear Dr du Bois,

On behalf of my wife & myself, I thank you most for your letters - circulars of April 17th - & for your sympathy & cooperation in the matter of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. We shall be writing to contributors within the next few days, as we are asked to do so.

Meanwhile may I, as Chairman of the South African Institute of Race Relations (P. O. Box 1176, Johannesburg, S. Africa), urge that you appoint a duly accredited representative in South Africa of your Board. He could be a representative of this Institute, preferably its Secretary and Adviser on Race Relations, Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, who is, I understand, personally known to you?

The "S. A. Assn. for the Advancement of Science" has a Race Relations Committee which is very interested in Native problems, but is not actively working for the improvement of Race Relations in practice, but is also often publishing articles into all aspects of Native life, or else assisting other research organisations (like the Inter-University Committee for African Affairs) with secretarial facilities.

Yours sincerely,

(Prof.) R. F. Alfred Hoernlé

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University of the Witwatersrand

Johannesburg

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My dear Dr. Du Bois,

On behalf of my wife and myself, I gladly assure you, in reply to your letters and circulars of April 17, of our sympathy and cooperation in the matter of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. We shall both be willing to contribute articles later on, if we are asked to do so.

Meanwhile, may I, as Chairman of the South African Institute of Race Relations (P. O. Box 1176, Johannesburg, South Africa), urge that among the "accredited representatives" on your Advisory Board, there should be a representative of this Institute, preferably the "Secretary and Adviser on Race Relations", Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones, who is, I understand, personally known to you? The South African Association for the Advancement of Science", which apparently has a representative on your Board, is only very superficially interested in Negro, or Native, problems, whereas the Institute of Race Relations is not only working for the improvement of Race Relations in practice, but is also either itself promoting researches into all aspects of Native life, or else assisting other research organizations (like the Inter-Universities Committee for African Life and Languages) with secretarial facilities.

Yours sincerely

signed (Prof.) R. F. Alfred Hoernle

Social Welfare 1937

July 9, 1937

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My dear Miss Holmes:

Please do not continue to be difficult. This very small and insignificant check is not at all a payment for your work. It is simply a reasonable payment for your necessary expenses, and I shall be very much hurt and chagrined if you do not accept it. Again I thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Ethelynne Holmes
177 Ashby Northwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Albany, Georgia
July 13, 1937

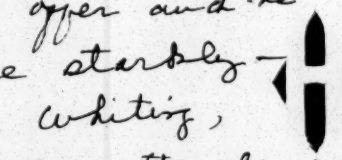
16-18-23

My dear Doctor,—

Please, oh please don't think me the rudest person in creation! Yet, that is precisely how I feel to-day; mainly, I think, because I did not come by to say good-bye to you on Saturday. My only excuse is that, having no vehicle at my disposal, I had to run against the threats of rain — ever-present as they were — and keep two appointments before train time.

You know about these two appointments. The first had to do with the "positions" which Mr. Whitaker told me to inquire about. The visit to the

he said he didn't think I'd like either. position he had to offer and she painted the picture starkly — truly. However, Mrs. Whiting, who was in the building, says the elementary school at Fort Valley is the principalship which she wants me to take. Mamma says I did exactly right to leave them alone.



Now listen, dear Doctor, you have been entirely too good and thoughtful, where I am concerned, for me to dream of accepting anything for making the little papier-mâché head. I enjoyed doing it — even badly as it's done —; And since I promised you, Miss Williams, and Camilla a breakfast which never materialized, please let this constitute your end of the promise. If you feel any twinges of conscience about the eighty cents; pray purchase the equivalent in stamps and send them to me.

offices of the State Division of Negro Education was quite an experience. The secretary, a Miss Millsap, is a most charming Southern person — genuinely so. Her very air seems to apologize for the wooden building which houses the Department —; for the general set-up; and for the salaries paid Negro teachers. She introduced me to a Mr. Lester, who is taking Mr. Dixon's place as Chairman of the State Circulars Committee and Supervisor of Negro Education. Surprisingly, they "Miss-ed" me to death — and once in Mr. Lester's office he shot at me "What's wrong with Oglethorpe that you'd want to get a job with the State?" Well, I tell you I was out-done! But I told him there was nothing wrong and added the line about taking a position where I could use my initiative et al, ---. Then he began to talk quite openly and frankly —:

It rains so hard each day that, like Chicken Little, I believe the sky is falling. The electrical display which accompanies the rain is convincing enough to make me feel still and small.

And so — my real vacation has begun! A piano, a typewriter, a stove, and a sewing machine to tempt me daily — a shelf of unread books to take out on an inviting lawn beneath a gracious, spreading sugar-berry tree — a couple of cypress swings and chairs thereunder — a nice farm conveniently near — a quiet town — a congenial family: all these are actualities.

Here's hoping the weather remains cool in Atlanta — that the plays please as much as Emperor Jones did — that you will comply with my little wish.

Really, my mother reared me carefully; if I was unforgivably rude — I'm sorry — but I couldn't please you. Yours most sincerely,

Ethlyne E. Holmes.

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Gentlemen:

Will you please send ten copies of "The Negro" to:

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Very truly yours,

Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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Encl. [illegible]

February 10, 1937

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My dear Dr. Homburgher:

You will perhaps remember that I called upon you in October and spoke about the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am sending further literature enclosed. I should like very much to have you write me and express your willingness to cooperate with this enterprise, and to furnish articles if we could properly compensate you.

In addition to the list of persons on this letterhead who are cooperating with the project we have also: Professor von Eickstedt of the University of Breslau, Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Woelfel of the University of Vienna, Professor Leo Frobenius of Frankfurt, Professor De Cleene of Belgium, and several others. If you think of any persons we have not come in contact with whose interest we should secure, I would be very glad of their names. I want to get the best expert knowledge for this work if we can possibly carry it through.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mss

Dr. [redacted] Homburgher, Director
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Rue de la Paix

Paris, France
March 1, 1937

Dear Sir:

In answer to yours of 10th February 1937, I have the pleasure of being able (D.V.) to promise you to give what help I can as to African languages. I beg to state that a full bibliography would hardly be possible. If you wish for articles on particular peoples I could tell you if I know of specialists.

I am yours truly,

(signed) (Mademoiselle) L. Homburger
Docteur es lettres,
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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
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P.S. We do not use our D²'s Telle in France when it is not medecine.
I am actually: Docteur ès lettres,
Directeur à l'Ecole pratique
des Hautes Etudes (Sect. phil. et histor.)
French nationality.
born 1888

98, rue de la Tour
Paris 16e
Le 1er Mars 1937

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of 10d Feb. 1937
I have the pleasure of being able (D.V.)
to promise you to give what help I
can as to African languages. I beg to
state that a full biography would hardly
be possible. If you wished for articles
on particular peoples I could tell you
if I know of specialists.

I am yours truely
(Mademoiselle) L. Homburger

16-1-51

Enc

May 20, 1937

My dear Mrs. Hope:

Dr. Du Bois asked me to send you the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John Hope
266 Lee Street Southwest
Atlanta, Georgia

Memo to Mrs. John Hope:

I suggest the following questions that might be used with regard to housing projects in Europe:

1. May children live in the housing? Are they endured, or is their presence encouraged?

2. Are walls and floors sound proof so that the children's noise will not disturb others?

3. What provision is made for children's play:
   a. on the roof?
   b. in playgrounds within the housing project?
   c. in playgrounds near by?

4. Is play supervised, and by whom?

5. Is there a day nursery?

6. Is there a kindergarten?

7. What provision is made for sickness of parents or of children? Is there a visiting nurse? Can communicable diseases be isolated?

8. Are the surrounding streets made safe for children?

9. Are smaller children escorted to schools?

10. What do children do in the summer?

11. Are lunches provided for children, or meals for adults?

12. Are there distinctive provisions made for children of different ages, that is, for babies, small children, larger children, and youth?

13. What extra charges are made for any of these services for children.

May 20, 1937

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June 7, 1937

6/14/37

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Many friends of Dr. John Hope have already contributed to the fund which was begun last year to endow the chair of the President of Atlanta University. This fine response from men and women who knew Dr. Hope and were associated with him in many social and educational movements is an expression of the lasting admiration and respect he won from his colleagues. The committee which is sponsoring this memorial hopes to continue its efforts until sufficient funds are received to endow adequately the office Dr. Hope filled so effectively during the last years of his life.

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We hope it may be possible for you to have a part in the creation of this fund. It is the committee's desire that every man and woman who called John Hope his friend may give something toward this permanent and living memorial. The individual gifts have ranged from fifty cents to five thousand dollars. Because June 30 is the close of the fiscal year, when a report on this fund will be called for, we are inviting your attention to the matter again. I know that pledge cards are sometimes mislaid when the intention has been to make a gift. It would be helpful to have your contribution before June 30.

You will be interested in looking over a few excerpts from letters which came to President Hope from outstanding leaders in many fields. These commendations of the achievements of Atlanta University under Dr. Hope constitute an impressive picture of his contribution to higher education, and reveal a widespread recognition of his services.

In further appreciation of your interest and good will, I am

Sincerely yours,

Florence M. Read

For the Committee

FMR.C
Enclosure

[Enc.]

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by Sargent Johnson

THEY KNOW ATLANTA

I know from personal contact with the life and work of Atlanta University something of its outlook and its potentiality. In equipment, in administrative and teaching personnel and in its sane and high ideals it has my entire sympathy and support. Its President is an honored alumnus of Brown University and is one of the outstanding educators of the land.

Increased endowment is the great need of Atlanta University. It is not alone in such a need among the educational institutions of the country, but it is one where an investment will yield an almost unparalleled return. The Negro problem in America was never more acute than now and Atlanta University is training men and women to furnish such leadership as is imperative.

Clarence A. Barbour
President
BROWN UNIVERSITY

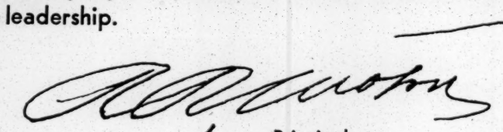
As you know, I have been interested in Atlanta University ever since it was organized on its present basis. It has seemed to me important not only to the colored race but also to education as a whole. Its importance to the Negro is obvious. To the educational system it affords an example of what can be accomplished through unification, consolidation, and cooperation. Atlanta University is an inspiration to educators the country over.

Robert M. Hutchins
President
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

While the Carnegie Corporation obviously cannot endorse the work of any particular institution, in my judgment, the recent steps toward building up Atlanta University appear to me to be among the most significant educational happenings in the United States in recent years. There is obviously much still to be done, and Atlanta has the leadership to see it through.

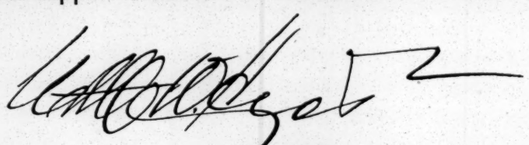
F. P. Keppel
President
CARNEGIE CORPORATION

The men and women of America who desire to improve racial conditions can do nothing more fundamental or far-reaching than to provide improved facilities for the training of Negro men and women for the duties and responsibilities of leadership of their people. I consider Atlanta University an ideal training ground for such leadership.



Principal
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

The record which your graduates have established in the direct interest of American Negroes, and in the indirect interest of all society is one of which you and others associated with the University should justly be proud . . . It merits the moral and financial support of those who see beneath the surface of American society.



President
GENERAL AMERICAN LIFE
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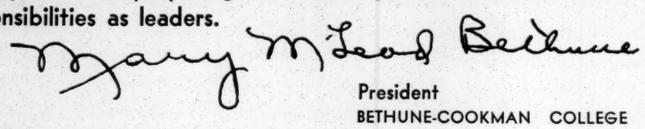
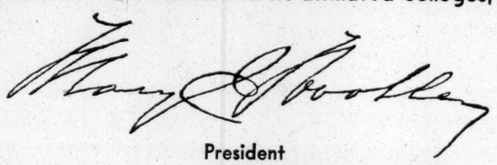
Atlanta University, because of its strategic location in the very heart of the section where the great majority of Negro people live, is admirably situated and splendidly equipped both as to its physical facilities and its faculty to engage in its major task of preparing the selected youth of our race for their duties and responsibilities as leaders.



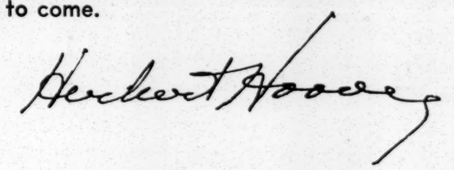
President
BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

Among the many problems which the United States faces today is the inter-racial one, and there is no more direct avenue toward a wise solution of that problem than Christian education, both of the white and of the colored races. It is probably true that education for leadership has sometimes been overemphasized, but it is also true that there must be wise leadership for both races, and no institution in the country is working more effectively toward that end for the colored race than Atlanta and its affiliated colleges, Spelman and Morehouse.

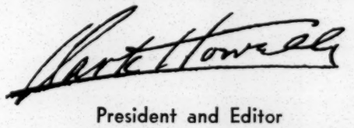


President
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

The plan to build up Atlanta University and its affiliated colleges into an institution capable of offering education of the highest type to adequately qualified young Negroes so as to prepare them for such leadership of their people will add more strength to the forces already set in motion. It should bear fruit in the furtherance of better understanding and improved relations between the races for generations to come.

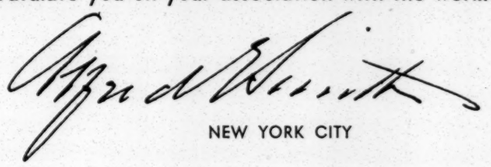


I have been in close touch with Atlanta University for fifty years. It has rendered during this time notable service not only to the Negro race but to the public, and your effort, and that of your associates, has the full sympathy of our community.



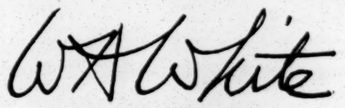
President and Editor
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

There is no question that the education of the Negro for leadership among his people is a most important factor in solving one of America's greatest social problems. Atlanta University is performing a unique and valuable educational service and I congratulate you on your association with the work.



NEW YORK CITY

I have been watching since its inception the growth of Atlanta University, after the affiliation with Morehouse College for men and Spelman College for women. I have been delighted to know how well the plan has worked. It is evident that you are building up an institution where young Negroes can find the best educational offering that may be found in this country . . . Never before has there been need for such combination of character, wisdom, information and trained courage as will challenge your students when they go into life. I am happy to think how you are training them to meet that challenge.



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[Enc.]

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Name _____

Address _____

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Make Checks payable to JOHN HOPE MEMORIAL FUND, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

C/o The President
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA

13 March 1934

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Dear Mr Du Bois

Permit me introducing myself as a native of Freetown Sierra Leone West Africa.

I was present last Sunday at the lecture you delivered here. It was the best lecture I have heart on Africa since I left home. You left no stone unturned in giving a vivid picture of the life of the people. I congratulate you most heartily.

I would very much like to meet and talk with you before I leave for England in April. May be if you are free you can arrange an interview. I am here on a very short visit. Best regards

Constance Horton

16-7-29

March 20, 1937

16-7-30

My dear Madam:

I shall be very glad to meet and talk with you when you are in Atlanta. I shall be here most of the time although I shall be absent from the 26 to the 31 of March, and from the 3 to the 5 of April.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Constance Horton
c/o The President
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Request for recommendation letter

1025 Hancock Avenue
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August 5, 1937

16-6-45

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I know you are not in Atlanta, but I know of no other way to get in touch with you and I want to ask a favor of you.

I am trying to get in the International House in September and it is necessary to have letters of recommendation. I should appreciate it very much if you write one for me and send it directly to:

The Committee on Admissions
International House
500 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y.

It is too bad to disturb your vacation like this, but I promise you I shall not do it again.

I hope that you are having a very delightful vacation.

Very sincerely yours,

Camilla L. Howard

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

16-6-46

My dear Camilla,

Your letter just reached me Saturday before Labor Day and I have not been able to write to the Committee on Admissions or to you before today. I have, however, sent them a letter, and I trust I shall see you before I leave New York.

Very best regards,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Camilla L. Howard
1025 Hancock Avenue
Athens, Georgia

[Howard University]

April 13, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

16-8-6

I have been for sometime very much interested in Miss Shirley Graham - ever since I heard about her work in Cleveland. Last year I saw her in Nashville and Louisville and this winter in Chicago. I understand that she is applying for a position at Howard, and I know of no one in her particular field who seems to me so promising. I trust that her application will receive your careful attention.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Mordecai W. Johnson
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

The Trustees, Faculties and Graduating Classes
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June fourth to June eleventh
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at five o'clock
University Campus
Washington, District of Columbia

Commencement Events . . .

Howard University

Washington, District of Columbia

June sixth to
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Nineteen thirty-seven

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

Graduating Exercises, Nurses Training School, Freedmen's Hospital, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel - - - - 8:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

R. O. T. C. Review—Stadium - 1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Baccalaureate: University Campus - - 5:00 P.M.
Sermon by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson
President of the University
Music by the University Choir

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Cap and Gown Exercises, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel - - - 12:00 Noon

Exhibition of Student Work of the Department of Art, Howard University Gallery of Art, June 7-July 15, 1937.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Inspection of Laboratories, Departments of Architecture, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Architecture Building.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Dean Lucy D. Slowe will entertain the Women of the Senior Classes at a Garden Party, 1256 Kearney St., N. E. - 5 to 7 P.M

Senior Class Exercises, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel - - - - - - - - 8:00 P.M.

Meeting of Law School Graduates, Moot Court Room, School of Law - - - 8:00 P.M.

Graduation Banquet, Department of Oral Hygiene, College of Dentistry, Sojourner Truth Hall - - - - - - 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Annual Meeting of the Graduates of the School of Religion, School of Religion Building - - - - - - - - - 11:00 A.M.

President and Mrs. Mordecai W. Johnson "At Home" to Members of the Senior Classes, Graduates, Faculties and Friends - - - - - - - - - 4 to 6 P.M.

Meeting of the General Alumni Association, Douglass Hall Assembly Room - 8:00 P.M.

The Howard Players will present "THE TORCH BEARERS,"—a Comedy in 3 Acts, by George Kelly - - - - 8:00 P.M.

Directed by Sterling A. Brown, Assistant Professor of English.

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Student Tickets, 25 Cents

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

Commencement Day

Class Reunions, Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel - - - - - - - - - 9:00 A.M.

Corner Stone Laying, New Library Building - - - - - - - - - - 11:00 A.M.
Speakers: Honorable Oscar L. Chapman, Assistant Secretary, U. S. Department of the Interior, and others.

Annual Commencement Exercises, University Campus - - - - - - - - 5:00 P.M.

Commencement Address: Dr. John Ward Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.
Music by the University Choir

Inspection of Laboratories, Department of Architecture, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Architecture Building, daily, June 7 to June 11, 1937.

Graduates of the University are invited to make Sojourner Truth Hall general headquarters for fraternizing during Commencement Week.

Luncheon will be served in the Sojourner Truth Hall, Women's Dormitory, at nominal cost, from 12 noon to 2:30 P. M., Friday, June 11, 1937.

It is desirable that all persons intending to march in the Academic Procession shall wear academic cap and gown.

Graduates and others not having caps and gowns may secure same through the University Marshal, Mr. J. W. Huguley, Jr.—Telephone Potomac 4000—Extension 385. (See over)

Graduates not intending to march in the Academic Procession will be furnished Reserved Seat Tickets by the Registrar of the University, upon application by mail, or in person, on or before noon of Commencement Day.

All persons appearing in the Academic Procession are expected to wear cap and gown.

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July 14, 1937

My dear Mr. Huggins:

Do you know where I could find in or near New York the best file of papers and magazines of West Africa edited by Negroes?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Willis N. Huggins
1890 Seventh Avenue
New York City, New York

WILLIS L. HUGGINS, PH. D.
1890 7TH AVENUE
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July 21,1937

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Sources of Material etc

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Dr.W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,Georgia:-

My dear Dr.DuBois:

On my return from a brief vacation in Vermont, I found your letter of July 14, on my desk.

Following the suggestions in your letter, I have checked:

The Main Library,
The Woodrow Wilson Foundation,
The Foreign Policy Association,
The 135th Street Library and,
The 115th Street Library.

The best "find" was in the 135th Street Branch where there are several miscellaneous issues but no complete files. Duse Mohammed has just issued the first number of a new publication, from Lagos, entitled,"The Comet," a copy of which is in the Harlem Branch.

My own files have been wrecked by my pupils who used them for class reports and term papers and have not returned them. However, I have on hand three items as follows:

"The Gold Coast Independent," January 27,1934

"The Gold Coast Spectator," October 26,1935

"The Gold Coast Spectator," November 9,1935.

These,with such others as I may be able to gather from my students, will be sent , if you so desire.

In the meantime I have asked Mr Tete Ansa, who is here from the Gold Coast and Dr Xuma, here from South Africa, for such native papers as they might have brought over with them recently.

On the other hand I should be very happy to get in touch with my friend,George Padmore, in London, for through him complete files may be obtained.

WILLIS L. HUGGINS, PH. D
1890 7TH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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I am also making an effort to obtain for you copies or files of: The Monrovia Weekly Mirror
The Sierra Leone Weekly
The Sierra Leone News
The Nigerian Times
The Nigerian Telegraph, all through Mr Ansa.

Enclosed herewith, is a copy of my new book, just off the press July 10th:
"An Introduction to African Civilizations"
with
"Main Currents in the History of Ethiopia."

May I, very respectfully, call attention to one or two items checked, in this book, on pages: 10,13,17,164,171,202.

Mr Carter of "Opportunity" has seen--(but has not read)- the book. He expressed a desire to have you review it for, "Opportunity.

In the meantime I shall get together all the material I can find for you and send it, if you feel that miscellaneous copies will help, until I can get Mr Padmore's help in London.

Very sincerely yours

Willis N. Huggins

Willis N.Huggins.

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,Georgia.

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April 20, 1937

Memo to Miss Hughes:

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Miss Madge Hughes
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

May 10, 1937

16-7-39

My dear Mrs. Hunt:

When I was down to Fort Valley last I left a small folding hand mirror in the guest room. It belongs to my dressing case and I should like to have it back if I can trouble you to send it to me.

My best regards to you and the friends.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry Hunt
Fort Valley High & Industrial School
Fort Valley, Georgia

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1500 WALNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Henry Hunt

Oct. 27th, 1937

16-7-41

Dr. W.W.E.DuBois
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga .

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I know that you are not surprised in the least upon receiving this letter. I am sure you recall it's purpose . Last year you were so very thoughtful and kind in remembering to send me my annual contribution for the Rally and you will never know how happy I was upon receiving your contribution. I went over the "Top" and am trying hard to do the same this year . I am looking forward to your contribution again this ~~this~~ year .

I trust you are enjoying the very best of health and that you will, as usual, have a most successful school term . Hope that you will pay Fort Valley a visit sometime this school year . The children join Hal and me in very kindest regards to you . Hoping to hear from you soon, I am ,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. H. A. Hunt

November 1, 1937

16-7-42

My dear Mrs. Hunt:

Enclosed is my check for two dollars. I wish your enterprise and the school all success.

With best greetings,

Mrs. M. V. Hunt
Fort Valley Normal and Industrial School
Fort Valley, Georgia

16-1-63

Lovedale,
Cape Province,
South Africa.
May 26th 1937.

Dr W E. B. du Bois,
Atlanta University.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter telling of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I shall be very glad indeed to co-operate in any way I can.

Yours sincerely
Monica Hunter

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REV. BERNARD HUSS

MARIAZELL 22 MAY 1937

P. O. MATATIELE
SOUTH AFRICA

16-1-60

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I received your letter of the 17th ult. with 2 enclosures. In 1930 I was in New York and paid you a visit at your office. I still remember vividly the great kindness you showed me in giving me recommendations to other prominent Negroes.

Some time back I had to refuse to contribute to two papers in India since I am always fully occupied, but I cannot refuse your request in case you want my co-operation.

I do not know in what way I may be able to help you. On the attached paper I give you a list of some of the subjects which I have treated in lectures and press articles.

Yours very sincerely,

Bernard Huss

[Enclosure]

The Native Mind - Religion and Natives - Arrest of Christianity - The Land Question - Native Industries - Treasures of Africa - Social Conditions among Natives - Native Criminality - The Inter-racial Movement - Native Recreation - Native Customs - Native Leadership - American Negroes and South African Natives - Native Doctors - Native Characteristics - Bantu Physique - Bantu Intellect - The Segregation of Natives - Good Moral Bantu Qualities - Native Organisations - Moral Weakness of the Bantu - Social Bantu Characteristics - Economic Qualities of the Bantu - Race Contact - Race Contact in South Africa - The White Man's Burden - Race Prejudice - The Pass Laws - The Fear Complex - Race Mixture - Wealth and Waste in Africa of The Leaking Tank - The Co-operative Movement among South African Natives.

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Enc of Negro - Foreign

October 7, 1937

16-2-47

My dear Sir:

I tried in the summer of 1936 to get in touch with you through my friend, Mr. H. G. Wells. Unfortunately you were departing on your summer vacation the very day that I sent in my card so that I was unable to arrange a meeting.

I have just finished reading your "Africa View" with intense sympathy and appreciation. I, therefore, venture to write you on the matter concerning which I had wished to consult you personally.

Some four or five years ago the trustees of the Phelps Stokes Fund suggested that the time was ripe for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Their idea was that while there remain large gaps in our knowledge of the Negro races and their descendants throughout the world; nevertheless there is today enough definite knowledge to have it put down in easily accessible form by persons of knowledge and training so that this knowledge would be available for teachers, students, and the mass of readers and would displace in their minds much of the mis-information, myths and legends current today.

For that reason I was invited into collaboration and eventually made chairman of the editorial board of this proposed Encyclopaedia. I have corresponded with scientific men in the United States and Europe and while I was in Europe I had the pleasure of talking with Mr. Malinowski in London, Professor De Cleene in Brussels, Dr. Westermann in Berlin, Dr. von Eickstedt in Breslau, Dr. Woelfel in Vienna, and Dr. Hamburger in Paris. I have also had considerable correspondence with Professor Labouret of Paris, Professor Laski of London and several of the students of native life in the Union of South Africa. I am enclosing certain documents and statements con-

cerning our project and I write to ask your sympathy, if possible, and a promise of eventual collaboration. We have not as yet secured definite promises of the funds necessary for this project but we have good hopes. This summer Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes and myself have been in consultation with Dr. Alvin Johnson, editor of the social science sections of the International Encyclopaedia and managing editor of the recently published Encyclopaedia of Social Science. He approves our plans and estimates of costs.

I trust I may hear from you at your convenience, and have any suggestions or criticisms that may occur to you. My biography will be found in Who's Who in America.

I am, Sir

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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22nd October 1937.

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Chairman,
ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia,
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Of course I know your work, and am very much interested to hear that you are preparing an ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO. You certainly have my sympathy and approval of the project.

I fear, however, that I could not contribute to it, partly because I have no special knowledge concerning the American Negro, and have not been able to keep up my knowledge of African conditions; and in any case am now so busy in my post here that I have hardly any time for writing.

Yours faithfully,

Julian S. Huxley

3/12/37

March 12, 1937

Request for information - 1937

W E Burghardt DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York City

15-31-17

Dear Sir,

I am engaged in research preparatory to writing a play about Nat Turner. Through bibliographies and through questions put to friends acquainted with the history of the Negro your name was impressed upon my mind. Your work in this field and your knowledge of the Negro, his life and struggle against injustice, as well as your records and information concerning Nat Turner, about whom so little has been written, all these engender in me a respectful solicitation of your aid and advice.

Nat Turner to me always represented the heroic surge toward liberty of a people whose will to live centuries of enslavement could not destroy. He was and is the symbol of revolt which springs from the heart and soul of man, which cries out against inhumaness and seeks to destroy it. His failure was Promethean. History was against him. Lack of class-consciousness both on his part and the part of the Whites prevented him from ascertaining the only method to fruition: the union of Black and White toward a common end.

To write this play I shall need material and information concerning the day of Nat Turner and the background and development of the Negro in America. I hope for your kindness and trust that you will suffer no inconvenience. I am looking forward to as early a reply from you as your time will permit.

Very truly yours,

Barry Hyams

70 Lenox Road
Brooklyn, New York

March 17, 1937

15-31-18

My dear Sir:

The life of Nat Turner should make an interesting basis for a play, but authentic material concerning him is unfortunately rare. The best available account is in Brawley's "Social History of the American Negro" New York, Macmillan, 1921, pages 140 and following. There is a so-called history by W. S. Drewry, 1900, a very poor and prejudiced account. The only reliable source of information is the "Confessions of Nat Turner". This pamphlet is very rare and the only copy that I know of is in the Harvard University Library. Of course contemporary newspapers would throw much light on the situation at the time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Barry Hyaml
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Lectures - 1937

May 28, 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The American Council of the I.P.R. has tried to avoid running a "lecture bureau" -- a difficult and costly business if only reliable information and interpretation is to be offered to audiences worth lecturing to. Nevertheless, there are special values in oral adult education; and we have decided, in response to a considerable demand, to render some service to those institutions and organizations which have difficulty in finding suitable speakers on subjects concerning the peoples and affairs of the Pacific area.

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Our idea is to distribute once a year a list of men and women who are qualified to speak on such subjects before popular audiences, either in their own locality or also at a distance. The list would contain no more than the names, addresses, and formal qualifications of available speakers, and their subjects or range of subject matter. Listing will not involve them in any obligation. All negotiations for their services, including questions of remuneration, will have to be conducted by the organizations desiring their services. This Council will have no hand and no responsibility in the arrangements.

To protect those listed as potential lecturers from too many demands on their time and from invitations of a sort they would not want to accept in any circumstances, we undertake to limit distribution of the list to responsible organizations with serious educational aims -- in most cases, national organizations that operate through local branches.

If you approve of this step and are able to assist -- at least in principle -- please be good enough to answer the questions asked on the attached sheet. (We shall, of course, keep confidential your answers except for the brief summary necessary to indicate the extent and conditions of your availability.)

Yours truly,

Bruno Lasker

Date

The American Council,
Institute of Pacific Relations,
129 East 52nd Street,
New York.

In response to your circular letter of May 28 concerning AVAILABILITY FOR LECTURES ON SUBJECTS RELATING TO THE PACIFIC, I shall be glad to have my name listed, with the following qualifications and preferences. I understand that such listing is not binding on me and does not involve you in responsibility for such correspondence with lecture organizations as may eventuate.

1. I should like to be considered as possibly available for speaking engagements outside those already committed to. (Please indicate any limitations as to frequency.)

2. The bracketed numbers indicate my preferences as regards different types of lecture occasions:

   Luncheon meetings ( ), afternoon club meetings ( ), evening meetings ( ), radio broadcasts ( ), meetings of relatively small study groups and continuing adult classes ( ), week-end conferences ( ), institutes and conferences a week or more in duration ( ), continuous courses with small but constant membership ( ).

3. The bracketed numbers indicate my preferences as regards different types of audience:

   Mixed adult audiences ( ), business men and executives ( ), women ( ), wage-earners ( ), church and neighborhood groups ( ), teachers ( ), students ( ), other young people ( ).

4. The bracketed numbers indicate my preferences as regards type of discourse:

   Straight lecture ( ), short, informal address ( ), forum address with considerable question period ( ), panel discussion ( ), leadership of group discussion, without set address ( ).

5. I am prepared, on adequate notice to speak

   a. on the following subjects:

   b. on a topic within the following subject fields:

6. I am willing to consider speaking engagements - if suitable in other respects - within a radius of miles from my home; anywhere in the following region:

7. For the acceptance of speaking engagements on my part, the following parts of the year, of the week, of the day, are particularly

   a. favorable:

   b. unfavorable:

8. In any listing of my name as a potential speaker on some subject in the general interest field of the I.P.R., please list me as follows:

   a. Name and title

   b. Address

   c. College or other connection

   d. Teacher of (name courses)

   e. Author of

   f. Other qualifications (such as travel)

9. If you have not yet done so, I suggest that you try to enlist the following as potential lecturers on subjects relating to the Pacific:

10. Other comment:

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CONVINCED of the need for a better understanding of the causes of international conflict in the Pacific area, the Institute of Pacific Relations, founded in 1925, has for its object the study of the Pacific peoples and of their mutual relations. The Institute is a non-governmental international body without political programs in any of its eleven member countries. Its governing body, the Pacific Council, is composed of one representative each of the national councils established in these countries. Each council is financed by its own nationals and contributes to the expenses of the international secretariat, a small group of officers directly responsible to the Pacific Council.

ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

Research, conference, and information constitute the three major branches of the international program. Educational activities beyond the dissemination of the findings of Institute research and the publication of the Pacific Council's two quarterly publications (see last page), are left to the initiative of the national councils.

Research

The international research program — the largest branch of the Pacific Council's activities — is planned by an international research committee, representative of all the councils, and supplemented by additional study programs initiated by the national councils. As far as possible, the resources of other research institutions in the member countries are utilized, to avoid duplication of activities and to secure a maximum of coordinated effort. In this way, the Institute has been able, in the ten years of its existence, to focus a large body of information on problems which, though some of them primarily affect internal conditions and developments, bear on the mutual relations between the countries of the Pacific and also between them and other countries with interests in that region.

Among subjects studied in a number of member countries are population pressures and their effect on international migration; land tenure and land utilization; industrialization and the social changes that surround it; standards and planes of living in their influence on labor costs and competitive ability; the exchange of commodi-

ties and some of its barriers: tariffs, uncertainties of currency fluctuations, and others; the status of aliens; international communications and the impediments to their further growth; factors that influence or hinder the growth of informed public opinion; international finance as a means of economic development and as a political factor; the impact of mechanically more advanced civilizations on ancient cultures and, reversely, the debt of new civilizations to old-established ones. The study of political international relations in the Pacific area has been advanced by inquiries into the international machinery of the Pacific and into special points of friction in international relations — such as extraterritorial privileges, colonial policies, and armaments.

Conferences

Every two or three years a general international conference focuses attention upon some major area of conflict or obscurity in the international relations of the Pacific. These conferences are attended by invited members representative of scholarship in the subject fields to be covered, of business and labor, the press, and education. Preparation for these conferences takes the form of preliminary group study in the member countries and of the contribution of informational and interpretative data papers on the subjects to be discussed, by persons qualified to deal with the often complicated problems on the agenda from different angles of knowledge and interest.

Publications

The proceedings of each conference and the conference data papers are made available through publication to a wider interested public. The results of the Institute's researches (which do not necessarily coincide in subject matter with those scheduled for conference discussion) are published in books and pamphlets. Sometimes they are combined in the form of a symposium or re-issued in more readable form suitable for wider distribution. The Pacific Council also occasionally sponsors a work of international importance originally produced on the initiative of one of the national councils.

PACIFIC AFFAIRS serves as the Institute's quarterly organ of discussion and covers a wider ground than either the conference programs or the research program. Although primarily concerned with the Pacific area, it endeavors to relate the special problems of that area to a larger world setting.

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THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS

FOUNDED in Honolulu, the I.P.R. has from the start had one of its strongest national programs in the United States. The American Council is, however, no more strongly represented on the Pacific Council or any of its committees than the other ten national councils. Its membership represents the country's leadership in the social sciences, business, and the advancement of culture — including many persons with special knowledge of the Pacific world. Members contribute to the work of the council in one or more of three ways: by studying — either as individuals or in organized groups — new knowledge which the council makes available or brings to their attention, thus equipping themselves to inform wider circles; by coordinating their own professional and avocational interests with the objectives of the Institute, in so far as this is possible; or by making annual financial donations. In this way, important studies have voluntarily been undertaken at the council's request by individual members; articles are being written and lectures given by members throughout the country; Pacific subjects have been given prominence in conference and institute programs; teaching about them in schools and universities has been improved.

Organization

The American Council's program of study and education is administered from an office in New York which is equipped also with a research and reference library and publishes the council's fortnightly research organ, FAR EASTERN SURVEY. The offices in San Francisco and Honolulu serve their respective regions and are sponsoring autonomous local educational activities under the direction of local committees and officers. Similar committees are in process of formation in other Pacific Coast centers. Cooperative arrangements with other bodies engaged in international education, both national and in such centers as Chicago and Cleveland, further expand the council's field of operations without duplicating machinery already in existence. Many schools, universities, libraries, foundations, banking institutions, the press, broadcasting stations, and adult education groups throughout the country collaborate with the council in a variety of enterprises where their purposes run parallel.

Research

In addition to studies undertaken at the suggestion of the Institute's International Research Committee, the American Council engages from time to time in studies of

special interest to Americans, and publishes the results. The FAR EASTERN SURVEY twenty-five times a year brings reliable first-hand information, usually on the basis of staff research and relating to some outstanding economic question of the day.

Research projects planned for 1937 relate to planes and costs of living, to Japanese-American competition in the cotton-textile industry, to international competition in the fishing industry of the Pacific, and to Pacific shipping. Other special studies are inquiries into channels of American information about the Far East – more especially, the press – American public opinion about Far Eastern questions, and changes in the living conditions of California Chinese. More general studies are under way of the American economic stake in the Pacific and of the present political and social trends in the Far East that affect American policies. There is also planned a short series of pamphlets summarizing for wider use the results of recent I.P.R. studies in a number of fields; and arrangements are being made for the translation of at least one important foreign work dealing with American interests in the Pacific.

Education

Stimulation of popular interest in the Pacific is the object of a number of national and of many local educational agencies; the council's share in this work consists mainly in aid given in the preparation of literature, study outlines, and reading lists at the request of such agencies and in the publication of pamphlets designed to fit into their programs. One cooperative project is for the production of motion pictures on the Far East. The Council's chief direct contribution to popular education is the publication of a series of illustrated textbooks on the countries of the Pacific, primarily intended for use in high schools but also of interest to the general public. Besides the publication of pamphlets, occasional radio programs and the organization of study groups – especially in Hawaii and on the Pacific Coast – round out the program.

The Council has for one of its major projects in 1937 the holding of a summer school in Chinese language and also works for a more widespread study in the United States of Japanese and Russian. It is endeavoring to increase and improve courses given on the Far East in universities, colleges, and high schools, and to have Pacific subjects more fully represented in public libraries.

In short, the Council, with the cooperation of its members, watches for every opportunity to contribute to the means by which the American public may be more fully informed about the conditions and trends in a region which is becoming of increasing importance to America and to the peace of the world.

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Director

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Cables: "Comafra"

October 9, 1937

Dear Friend:

Enclosed is a map of Africa which you are requested to keep for future use and reference. From time to time this office will be sending you information and printed material about events in Africa and developments that affect that continent from without. This map will make possible for you a more intelligent interpretation of that information.

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No apology need be made for sending you this and other material; nor is there need to make a special case for enlisting your interest. The facts speak for themselves. And when the facts are known, it becomes clear that the problems they disclose are not alien to our problems in America. Indeed, it is because of the similarity between African and American problems and an historic relation between Africa and America that millions of Americans are deeply interested in the African situation.

Whatever we may think about the larger issues of peace and war must, of necessity, include Africa and her millions of inhabitants. If we are interested in the industrial struggle in terms of the C.I.O.-A.F.of L.-employer set-up as known in America, we must be informed about the half million workers in the gold mines around Johannesburg, the thousands in the Rhodesian copper mines, and the millions at work on European-owned farms and plantations in Eastern, South Central and Southern Africa. We must know of the low wage levels maintained by industries that pay large profits, of the legal handicaps under which Africans strive to organize their labor, and of the disruptive forces at work in African society due to invasion from without. Repressive legislation, economic handicaps and lynchings, as these take place in Africa, have a familiar ring to thoughtful Americans.

The enclosed map will serve, therefore, to remind you that there are no frontiers in regard to our problems and that our struggle must be as wide and as inclusive as the problems themselves. The International Committee on African Affairs has a program with which it is seeking to acquaint you in detail and in the development of which your interested support is requested.

Faithfully yours,

Max Yergan

Max Yergan
For THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
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16-5-73

November 16, 1937

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
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Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dubois:

The American Map Company have informed me of your order of 25 copies of the map which they prepared for The International Committee on African Affairs.

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover 25 maps together with 25 copies of the letter which accompanied the map when it was sent out to quite a large mailing list recently. All this goes to you with our compliments.

Sincerely yours,

Max Yergan

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16-5-74

November 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Yergan:

I want to thank you very much for the outline maps of Africa which you have sent me. I have a senior-graduate course in African Culture and have had difficulty in finding maps of Africa.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Max Yergan
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16-5-75

December 14, 1937

My dear Friend:

You know something of what is happening today in China, in Spain, and in Ethiopia. You know also that for years Africa has been open to invasion from without, with the consequent serious results to the people. In the early history of the Belgian Congo, in the history of South Africa and in the relations between Africans, Italians, Portuguese, Germans and other Europeans, we have striking examples of such invasions and their results.

The reaction of the American public to the invasion of China by Japanese militarists has revealed a deep concern and has shown the beneficial result of the vast amount of international education which Americans have received since the Italian invasion of Ethiopia and during the Fascist attack on the Spanish government. This awakened concern of Americans can and should consider what is happening in Africa, where great human values are involved.

Conditions in Africa must not be regarded as settled. They are not settled because European nations will not permit them to be, and because Africans will never be content to live under the hardships imposed upon them. It is urgent that we in America begin to see African conditions in the light of our awakened concern for all human affairs and in the light of accurate knowledge of the facts. It is also urgently necessary that we do what we can to help improve those conditions.

The International Committee on African Affairs, through its program of research and helpful service, seeks to achieve results of sound and lasting benefit to Africa. The Committee undertakes to inform public opinion of the facts in African life. The Committee also undertakes a program of service to the cause of Africans by assisting in the education of selected Africans and by cooperating with African organizations. My experience of twenty years in Africa makes me confident of the soundness and value of what we are doing in these respects.

The work of the International Committee on African Affairs can go forward only as thousands of people who are concerned about human conditions contribute the money which that work requires. The Committee is undertaking now to raise $10,000.00 on its current budget. On behalf of the Committee and its program of effective research and practical service, I ask your immediate response to this request for your financial help.

Yours sincerely,

Max Yergan

Max Yergan
For the International Committee on
African Affairs

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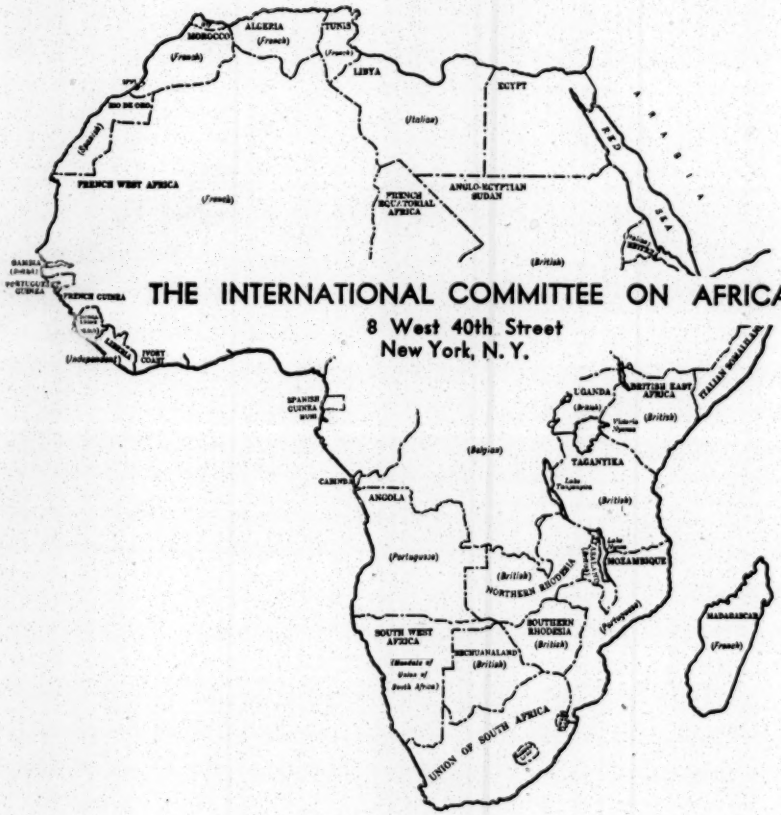
[Enc.]

AFRICA IS NO LONGER THE "DARK CONTINENT"—

IT IS THE KEY TO IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Within this continent exist acute social and economic problems which gravely affect the African people



THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

8 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

calls your attention to Africa and requests your support of the Committee's program, as outlined herein

THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM

The International Committee on African Affairs is organized for the study of conditions of life and work in Africa and for the promotion of international cooperation for the welfare of the African people.

In accordance with the above purposes, the Committee has the following program:

1. To conduct research and publish reports on various phases of life and conditions within Africa and on relations between Africa and those European powers which exercise governmental control over African territory and African peoples.

2. To facilitate the education of a number of carefully chosen Africans who will take their places of leadership within Africa and will also cooperate with progressive-minded people interested in the welfare of the peoples of Africa.

3. To encourage the promotion of the cooperative movement in Africa. This movement will stimulate peoples' economic organizations and make it possible for trained Africans to render helpful public service.

4. To develop helpful relationships between separate communities of Africans and peoples of African descent including Negroes in the United States, the West Indies and elsewhere.

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Not since the period of Stanley and Livingstone, the years which marked the break-up of African territory and the scramble for it by European powers, has Africa commanded such world-wide attention. It is imperative that we obtain complete and correct information as to what is really happening in Africa today; for Africa, in more than one respect, is the key to important international developments.

With Italian Fascism in Ethiopia; with German Fascist leaders demanding renewed control over certain areas; and with Great Britian and France showing an inclination to consider favorably German demands, African affairs are increasingly important in world news.

Meanwhile, Africa within is of equally tremendous importance. In South Africa, government continues a policy which adversely affects the rights of Africans; for example, the right to own land, to vote, to organize their labor, and to live and work in towns and cities.

In Rhodesia, the Belgian Congo and Kenya, the increased effect of industrial development and European encroachment upon Africans continue. In French Africa outbreaks are occurring and interest grows in the colonial policy of the popular government of France. In Portuguese-controlled Africa there is a reflection of the policy of the present government of Portugal. The people of Ethiopia continue their resistance to Italian invasion.

Clearly, Africa is not the "dark continent". It is a great area of millions of people subject to the forces of cultural and human destruction which stalk through the world today.

The International Committee on African Affairs calls your attention to the immediate and urgent aspect of African needs. The facts must be made known; the forces of human progress must be stimulated; basic human needs in Africa must be met. The Committee asks you to contribute now to its program as outlined on the opposite page.

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Date.....

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS,
8 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in the program of your Committee, and in order to aid you in your work I enclose herewith $..... Please send me any bulletins or other informative matter that you may issue.

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET

January 19, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
226 West 150 Street
New York City

Lectures - 1937

15-28-22

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I have learned with great interest of your forthcoming talk to the Young Women's Cristian Association of your recent experiences in Europe. Last summer in Atlanta I had the pleasure, together with my friend Dr. Mitrany, of talking with you of the southern situation, and also of your projected trip to Europe. That talk has remained with me as extremely ~~introspective~~ instructive and interesting.

I was wondering whether you had ever had the experience of speaking at International House. As you may know, International House is a large residential club where graduate students from many countries live together in an atmosphere of mutual tolerance and understanding. Every Sunday evening the membership comes together for supper at which time they receive a speaker who talks to them of some important event or interest in politics, art, literature or education. In the past we have had such people as Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese philosopher, Mr. Edward Johnson, of the Metropolitan Opera, and many other prominent speakers.

I know you are a very busy man, but was wondering if you happened to be in New York at the time if it would be possible for you to come to the House on Sunday evening, the fourteenth of March. I do not know at all whether you are spending the winter up north, but if you were this Sunday would be a very convenient one for us and I hope for you. If this were not possible I wonder if you see a chance of being in the north some time during the month of May. If so we would be very privileged to receive you at International House.

If there is any chance of your finding an open Sunday for a talk to our group we would be very glad to hear from you.

I look forward with keenest anticipation to hearing your talk next Friday evening when I shall hear your latest impressions of the present and future movements in modern Europe. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

William D. Carter

William D. Carter

15-28-23

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Carter:

Answering your letter of January 19, I beg to say that I know of International House and my daughter was at one time a member there. I have spoken there once or twice. If I should be in New York this spring I should be glad to serve you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

15-28-24

Mr. William D. Carter
International House
Riverside Drive at 124th Street
New York City, New York

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

NEW YORK

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET

Lecture - 1937

February 6, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

15-28-25

I had the pleasure the other evening of listening to your very interesting talk on your world trip which you gave at the Young Women's Christian Association. I learnt at the offices of the NAACT afterwards that you had returned to Atlanta and that there was not much prospect as far as they knew of your returning North for some time.

I therefore, assume that we will not be able to receive you as we had hoped in the near future, at International House. If however, you are to be in the North in the next few months, particularly during the summer, I hope you will let me know as I am looking forward to a chance of asking you to address the very interesting International House audience some Sunday evening.

In case my letter to you of January 19th missed you, I am sending you a copy of it to tell you of International House and of its purposes and activities.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

William D. Carter

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the International Quarterly, a magazine which the International House is publishing. I think you will be interested in it.

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

16-6-47

The Committee on Admissions:

I would like to recommend for admission to International House Miss Camilla L. Howard of Athens, Georgia. I have known her as a teacher in Atlanta University and can vouch for her excellent character and pleasant manner.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology
Atlanta University

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24th March, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Du Bois,

16-6-87

Thank you for your application for membership of this Institute and cheque for £1. in payment of the subscription for 1937, for which I have pleasure in enclosing a receipt.

Your name has been added to the list of new members which will be laid before the Executive Council at their next meeting. Our Chairman and members will, I am sure, be very glad to welcome your co-operation in our work.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Statutes of the Institute and a list of members. You will already have received the January number of 'Africa' and the April one will be sent as soon as it is ready.

Yours sincerely,

D.G. Brackett

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16-18-57

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois,
Department of Sociology,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I thank you for your letter of July I2th relating to our report entitled, Modern Industry and the African. I am sorry that you have not received the copy that I asked our London publishers, more than two months ago, to send to you. By this mail, I am writing to Dr. A.L. Warnshuis, Secretary of the I.M.C., I56 Fifth Avenue, New York, asking him to send you a copy of the report from the stock which he holds. I am sorry for the delay in this matter and hope you will speedily receive the book.

I am much interested in your intensive study of African conditions and would be glad to be kept informed about it.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Merle Davis

John Merle Davis

[International Missionary Council]

September 27, 1937

16-18-58

My dear Mr. Davis:

When I returned from vacation I found that your book "Modern Industry and the African" was here. I want to thank you very much for it, and I am going to read it immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Merle Davis
Standard-Vacuum Company
Keijo, Korea

application for appointment

INTERVIEW

PUBLISHING COMPANY

66 ST. NICHOLAS PLACE, Apt. 65

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 3, 1937

16-7-26

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois
Dunbar Gardens Apartments
W.150th Street at 7th Ave.
New York City

Dear Dr. DuBois,

INTERVIEW, a monthly publication which makes its first appearance with the March issue, is a magazine devoted to personal interviews with men and women prominent in public life. It is edited and published by Negroes.

As you have recently returned from your long tour of the world, is it possible for us to arrange an interview with you on the general subject of the present plight of the American Negro as you find him since your return?

Can the interview be arranged on your next visit to New York as we would like to have it by February 15?

Very truly yours,
Interview Publishing Co.
M.V. Holmes
M.V.Holmes, Editor

Department of Sociology

February 15, 1937

My dear Sir:

I have no set time for being in New York and, therefore, can not make any definite appointment. When I am there I should be perfectly willing to talk to your reporter.

16-7-27

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. M. V. Holmes, Editor
Interview
66 Saint Nicholas Place
New York City, New York

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

16-13-37

April 9, 1935

Mrs. Charity Bailey Jacksen
SPELMAN COLLEGE
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mrs. Jacksen:

There is some information that I would like to get from you. Can you come by the office sometime this week? I am here daily from 8-5, except at lunch-time.

Very sincerely yours

W. E. B. Du Bois

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January 22, 1937

15-28-7

1/25/37

Miss Ellen Irene Diggs,
Secretary to Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Miss Diggs,

Early in November last I received a letter from you suggesting a planned lecture trip in January for Dr. DuBois; in reply to same, "The Jackson Negro Chamber of Commerce" in behalf of Colored citizenry of Jackson invites Dr. Du Bois to come to Jackson and deliver one address, preferably on the subject, "Europe and Africa, 1936". Please let us know what dates he is available to come to Jackson; we would like to have him come for Friday, 8 P. M. of February 12th. 1937, under conditions named in your letter.

Please let me hear from you immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

B. B. Dansby

B. B. Dansby, President of
Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.

[Jackson Negro Chamber of Commerce]

February 8, 1937

My dear President Dansby:

Please permit me, in answer to your letter of January 22, to say that Dr. Du Bois returned to his desk too late to speak for you on February 12. He may be able to speak in March or April if that will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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President B. B. Dansby
Jackson College
Jackson, Mississippi

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16-5-41

March 4, 1937

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you as a loan a copy of a cuban publication entitled MEDIODIA, in which you will find a very interesting article, "El negro en nuestra cultura" (The Negro's Contribution to Cuban Culture). I am sure you will want to read this. In case you do not understand Spanish, I hope there is a Spanish student or teacher at the University who is able to translate it for you.

Please return the periodical to me under the attached frank slip, requiring no postage.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) Concha Romero James

Concha Romero James, Chief
Division of Intellectual Cooperation

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

E of R Letters

March 29, 1937

My dear Mrs. James:

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for your thoughtfulness in sending me on March 4 a copy of Mediodia containing a very interesting article on "El negro en nuestra cultura". Absence from the city has prevented me from acknowleding sooner receipt of the magazine.

Fortunately, I am able to read Spanish quite easily. I can also struggle through Portuguese. If, therefore, you should like to call my attention to any thing in that language, I shall be indebted to you. Senhor Renato Mendnica was good enough to send me a copy of his A Influencia Africana no Portugues do Brasil.

16-5

Dr. Du Bois, who has returned from his trip around the world, has asked me to convey to you his most sincere thanks for the interest that you are taking in our project.

I am returning herewith the copy of Mediodia.

Most sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Mrs. Concha Romero James
Chief, Division of Intellectual Cooperation
Pan American Union
Washington, D. C.

16-1-65

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I am not sure whether you have seen the estimate of the expense of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro which was published in the early minutes of the undertaking. At any rate I am venturing to send you a copy so that you may look it over. This estimate was made before I joined the enterprise and I do not know the exact basis upon which it was calculated but Dr. Stokes can explain that.

I shall see you Thursday.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Alvin Johnson

The New School for Social Research
66 West Twelfth Street
New York City

16-1-67

210 West 150th Street

New York City

September 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I want to thank you deeply for the time and thought that you have given to the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Enclosed I am sending a memo of the cost of the Encyclopaedia using so far as I can remember your suggestions. May I ask if you will kindly look this over and criticize it and let me have it back sometime within a day or so? I am sending the same estimate to Dr. Stokes with the same request. When I get these schedules back with the criticisms from both of you, I will combine them into a final statement which I shall submit to you again, if you will permit.

Again thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Alvin Johnson
The New School for Social Research
66 West Twelfth Street
New York City

THE NEW SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH
66 W TWELFTH ST NEW YORK

89-1-91

September 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have your letter of the eleventh and your memorandum on expenses. If you followed my suggestion of an editor and an associate editor the latter could be had for $5,000 a year which would reduce your budget by $12,000. The bracket "expert assistance" would be better if you cut the $3000 out for the first year and allowed $7000 a year for the other three years. Otherwise I see no revision that would be desirable.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

Director

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
210 West 150th St.
New York, N.Y.

January 12, 1937

My dear Camp:

On behalf of Dr. Du Bois permit me to thank you for allowing me to talk at length with you about the problems of housing that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat. If you would be good enough to jot down at your convenience the topics which as a result of our conversation you would like to add to your previous list, the list should be fairly complete.

16-5

Dr. Stokes was very much pleased to know that I had had the opportunity of talking with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Major Campbell C. Johnson
1816 Twelfth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

December 7, 1937

16-4-40

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Dr. Rupert B. Vance, President of the Southern Sociological Society this year, has asked me to organize the program for the section on Race and Culture, for the next meeting of the Society, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 1-2. This has an opportunity to become an interesting and valuable section, because of the subject and its relation to the southern region.

The plan of this section is to have papers presented based upon present research in the Race and Culture field in the South. But, most important, to have these papers evaluated and the material given interpretation by mature scholars whose experience enables them to place these observations within a broader framework. The present organization of the program includes:

"Cultural Assimilation among the Acadians of Louisiana," T. Lynn Smith, Head, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University.

Discussant: Dr. Robert E. Park

"A Theory of Race Prejudice," John Dollard, Institute of Human Relations, Yale University

Discussant: Dr. Franz Alexander, Institute of Psychoanalysis, Chicago

"Some Aspects of Caste in the South," Allison Davis, Dillard University

Discussant: Dr. Rudiger Bilden, Fisk University

"Toward a New Southern Policy on the Negro," Guy B. Johnson, Institute for Research in Social Science, University of North Carolina.

If you have not been asked to take part on another section, we should very much like to have you make a presentation in critical and constructive evaluation of the problems and suggestions outlined by Dr. Johnson, within any framework you feel appropriate.

Your contribution would be most valuable to the thinking of students on these problems.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

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16-4-41

16-4-412

December 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I have your kind invitation of December seventh for the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in April. I should rather not accede to this kind request for two reasons: first, I have a book that I have promised to the printers by June and I know that in April I shall be in the last throes of composition and correction. The second reason is even more weighty. I have not yet been able satisfactorily to orientate myself in the matter of race and culture. I had, as you know, to catch up from twenty years absence from sociological study; and while I think I have made progress and have shadows of ideas in mind, they are not yet in such shape that I should like to state them in public. If, therefore, without prejudice to your work or inconvenience you could excuse me this time I should hope in another year or so to serve you. On the other hand, if the situation is for any reason critical now I will try to do what I can. I should, however, prefer not to.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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CHARLES S. JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

December 13, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-4-43

My dear Dr. DuBois:

The Encyclopaedia memorandum which I had in mind was the mimeographed set of topics for possible development. There were three separately bound groups of topics, some of them dealing with the Negro in the United States, The Negro in Africa, South America, the Caribbeans, etc.

I am sorry you will not find it convenient or feasible to take a part on the program of the Southern Sociological Society in April. In compensation for this inability I shall only ask that you urge Mr. Reid to accept the invitation which I am extending.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

December 15, 1937

16-4-44

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you sections I, II and III of the list of suggested subjects for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. This is my last extra copy. When you have finished with it, will you please return it?

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

FISK UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON
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10-4-45

December 16, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I shall take good care of the material which you are sending, and return it very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

csj-p

16-4-30

May 10, 1937

My dear Mrs. Johnson:

May I thank you for that breakfast? It was really quite perfect in its way, and all your kind hospitality was enjoyed.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

January 6, 1937

My dear Miss Johnson:

May I begin the new year by requesting you to be good enough to translate the following letter?

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Miss Hermese Johnson
Atlanta, Georgia

15-41

January 8, 1937

16-13-27

My dear Miss Johnson:

Thank you again for your gracious service in translating the letter to Dr. Ortiz.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Miss Hermese Johnson
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Letters
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February 3, 1937

16-5-40

Mr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Logan:

I have your letter of the eighth. As I wrote you in December, the list of subjects suggested for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro that Dr. Du Bois compiled and sent me copies of, I took to Great Barrington last summer. I came down to New York without bringing the material and so I am still without it. Everything in my house in Great Barrington is packed up and I shall have no way of getting at this material until next summer.

However, it is hardly necessary for me to say that I am ready to do any and everything that I can to assist Dr. Du Bois in this undertaking.

Will you let me know if he has yet returned to Atlanta? With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James Weldon Johnson

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February 8, 1937

Dr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

16-1-85

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I am sending you this hurried note, before leaving on a Negro History Week lecture tour, to say that Dr. Du Bois has returned to the campus and will be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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April 16, 1937

16-3-28

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I have been ill abed for the past fifteen days or more and it is only today that my condition allows me to say that I shall probably be able to attend the Board meeting, in Atlanta on April twenty-fourth. I am planning to come down the day before the Board meeting and will of course want to have a talk with you some time on Friday(23). I hope you are going to be in Atlanta.

Yours very sincerely,

James Weldon Johnson by
Eleanor Washington Secretary
James Weldon Johnson

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April 19, 1937

14-3-91

My dear Johnson:

I am sorry indeed that you have been ill but shall be so glad to see you on Friday the twenty-third. I shall have to go away the twenty-fourth but shall be here the twenty-third.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Johnson.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

16-3-80

May 6, 1937

My dear Johnson:

I was sorry not to get a chance to have another talk with you and say good-bye, but I had to hurry off to three lectures and a meeting in New York so that I left early Saturday morning. I hope you suffered no ill effects from your trip, and that you are all right now. I shall be in Nashville Saturday and hope to get a glimpse of you.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Johnson.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

May 10, 1937

Dear Johnson:

I enjoyed your hospitality tremendously. Many thanks to you and Mrs. Johnson.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. James Weldon Johnson
Fisk University
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Dr. W¶ E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University.

My dear Dr. DuBois,-

We have in this country at the present time Miss Fatima Massaquoi, of Liberia. She is the daughter of a man who was formerly counsel to Hamburg, Germany, and who is a graduate of Oxford.

She herself has attended the University of Hamburg, and acted as consel in her father's absence. She was also Secretary to the Liberian Representative at the League of Nations, some time ago. She speaks seven languages, and is otherwise accomplished.

She wishes to further pursue her education in this country. Her first plan was to become a physician, but when a child, both of her hands were badly burned in oil, and she found they would not function in surgery, so she gave the idea up.

Now she is majoring in Sociology, and would like a chance to attend school at Atlanta University, where she would be under your instruction, and at the same time help herself some by teaching languages. You have probably heard from her, as I told her about you and gave her your name.

If there is any way to assist her, I should appreciate your doing so. She is now at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.

Very sincerely yours,

Kathryn M. Johnson

P. S. I am the same Miss Johnson that travelled for the Crisis and the N.A.A.C.P., during your early work as editor.

[Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Scholarship]

1937

654 Girard St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.
January 18, 1937

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Lecturer and traveler
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

A special committee of alumni, faculty and friends of Howard University have banded themselves together to create a revolving scholarship fund to be known as the Mordecai Wyatt Johnson Scholarship Fund.

In view of that fact we are seeking ways & means to build up the same. We have learned that you have returned to America brimful of information and so we are asking for a lecture engagement.

Kindly let me know the available dates and terms and awaiting an early reply, I remain

Sincerely,
Bertha Comack

[Johnson (Mordecai) Scholarship Fund]

February 9, 1937

My dear Miss Lomack:

I should be glad to speak for your organization in either April or May. How would April 23 suit you, or May 21? My charge would be fifty dollars out of which I would pay my own expenses. Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Bertha Lomack
654 Girard Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

15-28-21

IN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE INITIALS

NATCHEZ, MISS. 43 Bishop st.

November 3, 1937.

Mr. W. E. B. Dubois,

Dear Mr. Dubois:

I have read with great interest your articles in the "Pittsburg Courier", particularly those relative to co-operative stores their management and organization.

16-13-56

I would like to experiment with a co-operative enterprise here in this city. I have approached several of my friends concerning the above mentioned stores, and I find that they were favorably impressed by the idea. However, we are reluctant to enter into such a scheme because we fear that such an organization might antagonize the established merchants of this city.

Therefore, I am asking you if you can give me any information concerning co-operative stores that may give me some idea of their working. Please inform me as to where I can secure some literature of the subject.

If you would consider giving me your personal views on the subject (Co-operative Stores) I am sure they would help us a lot in deciding whether or not such an idea is favorable. So far down South.

Thanking you in advance for your reply

I am, very truly

Theodore Johnson

November 9, 1937

16-13-57

My dear Sir:

If you will write to the Cooperative League, 167 West 12th Street, New York City, they will send you a list of publications concerning cooperatives and also put you in touch with sources of advice and direction.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Theodore Johnson
43 Bishop Street
Natchez, Mississippi

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 3, 1937

2/3/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-11-186

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We have decided upon April 24th as the date of the second conference of social science teachers in colleges for Negroes. We hope that this date is convenient to you.

In preparing our program the report of the committee on bibliography is scheduled for the afternoon session. We are sure that in view of the importance of this report a considerable amount of time will be devoted to it. Are you in position to give us some idea of the amount of time that you will wish?

Very truly yours,

M E Thomasson

M. E. Thomasson
Acting Dean

MET:WM

March 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Thomasson:

Answering your letter of February 3, I regret to say that I do not think it is going to be possible for me to attend the conference of social science teachers in April as I am lecturing in the northern part of the state at that time and have practically all my dates taken. If I should find out later that I could be present I should let you know.

16-11-187

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. M. E. Thomasson
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

4/19/37

April 15, 1937

Dear Professor:

Please find enclosed a copy of the program for the second conference of Social Science Teachers in Negro Colleges to be held at Johnson C. Smith University on April 24th, 1937.

We are cordially inviting you to attend this conference. This institution will provide entertainment during the conference without charge. Please let us know the approximate time at which you expect to arrive. We shall do all that we can to make your stay here profitable.

Very truly yours,

M E Thomasson

M. E. Thomasson
Acting Dean

MET:WM

Enc.

April 15, 1937

16-5-32

My dear Sir:

I am writing to acquaint you with our project of publishing an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. The history of the project is given in the enclosed leaflet and also a partial list of some of the scholars who are cooperating with us. To this list should be added the names of persons like Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Labouret of Paris, Professor Woelfel of the University of Vienna, Professor Homburger of Paris, Professor Leo Frobenius of Frankfort and many others.

The project was inaugurated by the Phelps-Stokes Fund and is under the general conduct of a board of directors whose names appear on this sheet. An editorial board has been begun of which I am the chairman and Professor Robert E. Park formerly of the University of Chicago is co-editor. We have not yet been assurred of the funds which are necessary for this undertaking but it looks as though we were going to receive them.

Our plan is to publish a scientific work in about four volumes in the collaboration of which we are asking the principal scholars of the world, both white and Negro. A considerable part of the Encyclopaedia will naturally be devoted to Africa and we want the cooperation and collaboration of persons of influence and scholarship in your land. I am writing to ask that if in your publication you will give publicity to this undertaking. Later as our plans develop I shall send you further notices and ask specific recommendations for collaboration. I have been in close conference with Professor Lorum of Yale concerning this project which has his enthusiastic support. I trust you will do anything that you can to help this enterprise on.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones
Box 1176, University of Johannesburg
Johannesburg
South Africa

[R. Jones (d.)]

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6/12/37

Professor W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA, Ga.,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO

In the absence of Mr. Rheinallt Jones, I have to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 15th of April and enclosure. These will be placed before Mr. Jones on his return. It may however be some little time before he is able to deal with the matter, as he is very much occupied at the present in connection with his election as Senator to represent the Native people of the Transvaal and Orange Free State, and I trust you will understand, should there be delay before Mr. Jones is able to reply to your letter.

Yours faithfully,

Lynette Rogers

ADVISER'S SECRETARY

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South African Institute of Race Relations

Johannesburg

May 13th, 1937

16-1-31

Professor W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
U. S. A.

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Yours faithfully,

signed Lynette Rogell
Adviser's Secretary

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

October 21, 1937

Request for information - 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

16-13-51

While engaged in a study dealing with under-privileged children, I would like to get you conception of the term "under-privileged child." Of course, I realize the limitations of the term will be left to the hypothesis of my problem, but I am desirous of obtaining ther possible characteristics of an under-privileged child as you see them.

If your time will permit, kindly send an additional suggestive bibliography of the same.

I will appreciate your assistance very much.

Yours very truly,

Lark R. Jones, Jr.

LRJ:s

October 26, 1937

16-13-57

My dear Sir:

The matter of definition in the case of "under-privileged children" cannot be reasoned out. It is a question as to how, as a matter of fact, the term is at present being used. I should advise you to consult the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences which is the best and latest authority.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lark R. Jones, Jr.
Prairie View State College
Prairie View, Texas

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

16-4-11

My dear Mildred:

I am here in Atlanta at last and want to thank you for your reasonable weather and kind hospitality. I hope you are all right. I caught cold in Pittsburgh but I have nearly gotten rid of it.

With best regards to you and Dr. Ned, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

WEBD:EID

6:15 A.M.

Mildred B. Jones

16-4-12

Kenwood 8670
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
April 23, 1937.

My dearest Mr. VanBoxel

So early in the morning I am writing what I've wanted to write for weeks — that I think of you every day & love you always. I have been up such an hour trying to get a little knowledge into my cranium. But — phooey — spring fever is "almost" in the air. I say almost because it is cold again & four exams are still in order. Next week is "Clean Up and Moving Week" and there will be no school — and also no pay — again I say phooey. — For me — there is an exam. X an oral report next week! (at the University) This time I say — not "phooey" but

Don't scold — am O. K. Soon.

Did you acquire the maison in Philadelphia? I'm wondering what to do to improve the looks of this Cabin — specially on the outside. Shall probably do little or nothing, soon.

Hope all are well & know Kathryn is charming. Ned's baby is sweet — & very intelligent — is almost 8 months old. Ned is working harder than ever — sometimes I get very worried because of it. Is now formally attached to the Children's Memorial Hospital (a wonderful thing for him & all of the folks he represents) as well as with Northwestern Med. School. Know you are glad for him. He often asks of you.

Do write soon.

Lovingly,
Mildred.

sacré, diable, — even damn! Ah, me — "times ever thus"! I'd tell you something — but you'd sympathize to such extent that you'd get so mad you might burst a blood vessel. I shall save it until I see you. In the essay I attempted to imitate you — I assumed a deadly calm, smiled sarcastically, & took out my rapier of carefully chosen words. It was funny to my Adviser-Chelsea to protect me, though he certainly went to the bat —) & to me, but maddening to the unscrupulous adversary. After all, even an adverse ruling of a viperous one is something funny if he is beaten to it by your acting & a rapier thrust, & made to appear ridiculous. Oh la, Id! You not even said my Adviser is a peach!

Had the flue terribly — all of Feb. & half of March. Would not go to bed or would have been well sooner. Oh, well, please

16-4-13

June 5, 1937

My dear Mildred,

I hope you are nearing the end of your school troubles and see a chance for a little rest. How did you finally come out at the University? Do not be so cryptic about it and tell me the whole thing.

I shall be here through summer school which closes July 23, then shall probably go to camp in Maine. I think I have arranged for Mrs. Du Bois also to spend a month in Maine, and the baby and her mother will be in Springfield, Massachusetts in De Berry's camp. You ought to take a nice trip where it is cool and you can rest for I know you are half dead with fatigue at this time. Let me have a word from you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Sat. Aft.

Kenwood 8670
4809 Indiana Avenue,
July 17. 1937.

711 B Jones

My dearest Mr. DuBois:

Just a line to tell you that I love you & think of you every day. Have been trying, ever since your letter came, to get off a full letter (not "emphatic" you know - oh la! la! mon cher, vous etes très delicieux avec la sarcasme et le choses similaires) but until the present moment I've rushed & run & battered about "until when I get home from the library, I'm "dead on my feet." Send me a line telling me your address in Paris, so if I don't get to write before you leave N.Y. I can reach you there. So much has happened - I wish I might see & talk with you - writing takes so long & is so much less satisfactory than talking.

19-4-91

Summer session over July 31st.
Don't know what I'm going to
do re: vacation. Should possibly
stay home & make my house
look different without & within
— but shucks! I have to relax
or "recreate" some where, some way
— whether to British Isles & Norwegian
fjords or to Mexico City & environs
or to Alaska — who knows,
— not I. My sister (Redi
mother) took Ethel & her boy (J. C.
Ross' son) on a lovely western trip
as his graduation present — Pacific
N. West down the coast to San Fran.
L. A., etc etc. He is 18 & just graduated from high school. Redi's 10
mos. old baby "Judith" is running
around, dancing & trying to talk.
I'm working [illegible] fool head off.
French exam. over O. K. The German
is awful — tutors don't seem worth
a damn. What to do ??? Oooh!
Mrs Mujis Tanaka (of Honolulu)
& daughter will be in Chicago for a
week soon — stopping about 2 blocks
from me.
My grapes are beautifully green.
Please write soon. Lovingly, Mildred.

16-4-15
They are now in Los Angeles

July 19, 1937

16-4-16

My dear Mildred,

I am glad to know that you are still more or less alive, and think by all means you should rest for the rest of the summer. I think if were you I would go north rather than south. Mexico is fairly hot in summer although it is high and lovely around Mexico City. I leave next week for New York, driving slowly. I shall be glad to hear from you at 210 West 150th Street, Apartment 3-A. The baby and mother have gone to camp in Springfield and I shall go to Maine August 15. Sorry but no ladies allowed.

With best love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

4809 Indiana Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois.

August 2,1937.

16-4-17

Dr.W.E.B.DuBois,

New York City,N.Y.

My dear Mr. DuBois:

It was lovely to hear from you and to know that you were s soon to have your vacation. Well, my summer school work is now over too, i.e.,I am no longer having to get up every morning at either four or five oclock to review the work studied until midnight. Did I work? I did. But it was worth it because both of my professors exempted me from the finals, merely smiling and re marking that I had already done sufficient work. It was very nice of them I thought. You are probably at home by now and soon will be gallivanting off to Maine. That is nice but, at the same time, you need not get snooty about it. I am going to take a little trip myself, after I perform a few duties such as re-decorating a little, so I wont get mental indigestion every time I come in and look at those walls. I put up a six foot fence a few days ago; got new gutter-installed today; and hope to depart "entour" some time the latter part of next week Shall send you and Mrs. DuBois a card from wherever I decide to go.

You are probably wondering why I am using a type-writer for this letter. I am at Ned8s office and while he is attending to that crowd of patients in there, I am writing to you. Please be gracious and overlook my many mistakes as I have not typed in many years. I find myself wishing that I had bought a type*writer several years ago and done my own typing of my papers, but I think I'll invest in one before I hand in any more papers --maybe.

Summer school was certainly well attended at A.U. and I am glad. Say, you have not told me about your new car. Do. I know it must be a joy.

My love to Mrs. DuBois and to Yolande and DuBois when you write. You should see Ned8s Baby(Judith). She is as cute as she can be--just runs around and dances and sings --and are we weak for her? We are simply silly about her. Keep well and write when you have time.

Sincerely,

Mildred.

16-4-18

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 8, 1937

My dear Mildred,

I was astonished to know that you had been in New York and that I had just missed seeing you. I do not yet know what your great hurry was. I hope you had a good summer. I had a lovely two weeks in Maine and another week in the mountains of New York. I am now working another two weeks in New York before going to Atlanta.

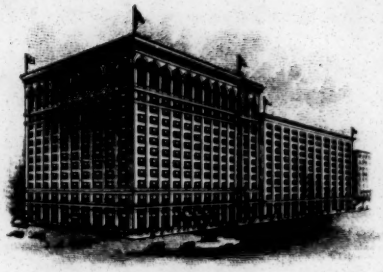
Yours with best love,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

WHILE SHOPPING AT
MANDEL BROTHERS
CHICAGO

Madame Bryant Jones



A Store of Youth
A Store of Fashion
A Store of Moderate Price

60-4-91

4889 Indiana Ave., Chicago.
November 29, 1897.

Dearest Mrs. DuBois: What must you think of me for not answering your really dear letter (& it was dear - I mean it - dear in need of just such sympathetic wisdom as you expressed - much in need) before now? Don't misunderstand & think me either inappreciative or ungracious. I have tried each day to get an opportunity to write to you - but I have never before in all of my rushed life been so rushed & hurried as during the last 6 months. Have not even had a breathing space for Thanksgiving - had an Opera (which critics are full of friends say was the best they'd seen in a long while - thank

goodness) on Thanksgiving Eve - & next ... day had to drill children & have them sing for a group of educators - Rotc Supt. etc. etc. at Sherman Hotel - and was we tired child now! Have thot of you each day & hope you are O.K. & happy. Needed advice - personal - ~~oral~~ - went to N.Y. (from Montreal, Boston, etc.) ~~Tuesday~~ by some chance you might be there & could talk with you. Had eventually to make decision myself. Hope it was a wise one. Can't tell yet. When are you coming this way - in mid winter?

Had my house painted, new gutters, decorated within, Venetian blinds, etc. etc - quite comfortable.

More next letter. In Coop at Mandel's on way to University. Write soon - don't retaliate!

Love,

Mildred.

December 10, 1937

16-4-10

My dear Mildred,

I am very glad indeed to hear from you but I am going to preach. Without any question at all you must stop this rushing through life. No matter what you are able to accomplish you certainly cannot do the finished and fine piece of work in any line that you are capable of doing if you go on butting head first through the world. You must take time for adequate sleep, rest and reflection. You keep yourself in a nervous stew all the time. I think the reason of it is first some anxiety for your position and possible promotion and feeling that you must let no one get the jump on you. If these are the chief reasons forget them. Force yourself back into a leisurely habit of mind; look the scene over; choose what you want to do personally and do it perfectly and let other people do just as much of the routine work as they can, give them the broadest opportunity and praise them for what they accomplish or criticize them for failure. Listen leisurely to more music and see beauty in sculpture and painting and take more time for your friends.

Now I know this sounds elderly and gratuitous but listen to it. Reading one letter from you puts me into a perfect pother of all together needless excitement. I should like to hear from you sometime when you have nothing else to do but write a letter. I may be in Chicago in February but the matter is not settled as yet.

Yours with love,

Mrs. Mildred Bryant Jones
4809 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

March 13, 1937

16-12-35

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of March tenth and have read it with sympathy. I am going to reply to this and to some other letters that I have received sometime during April or May in the Pittsburgh Courier. The whole problem of cooperation among us is the greatest that confronts us and calls for every ounce of sacrifice and intelligence.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Rufus P. Jordan
6029 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Washington, D. C. February 13 1937

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga

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[JOSEPH KEENAN]

JOSEPH E. KEENAN
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32 Court Street
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Triangle 5-8870

Family
Wm Boro

December 16, 1937

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois,
210 W. 150th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Re: Estate of Gertrude A. Du Bois

41-9-191

Dear Sir:

I represent the Estate of the above-named decedent. She was about 80 years of age when she died about 5 months ago. She was born in Louisiana and worked as a domestic servant most of her life.

Will you advise me whether or not you are related to the decedent? If you know the name or address of anyone whom you think might be able to give me any information concerning the decedent's relatives, please forward the same to me.

I will appreciate it if you will forward me a reply to this letter.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Keenan

JEK:SP

ON BOARD

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Soviet Union - 1927

16-18-21

Dear W. Du Bois. I
am wondering if by
any chance, you are the
father of Yolande Du Bois
whose father was a
well known writer,
& who I met in
England some

Jears ago? Mrs. Du Bois wandered how Yolande
brought Yolande was developed, if you are
to Bedales School, to [redacted] the same W. Du Bois it would
be educated, I be very pleasant to
used to meet them meet you, my sister
both frequently. [redacted] & I are on the
I have often Boat, but leave

at Honolulu.

Believe me

Sincerely

Jessie M. Keith.

(Miss)

If I have made a

mistake - please excuse

me.

request for recommendation

6357 Langley Ave
Chicago, Ill.
July 16, 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Please let me first disclaim any intentions of hiding behind my wife's skirts. The Lord knows I am forced into that line of conduct enough during the winter session. I thought that I was being only the dutiful – and wise – husband by seeking my wife's advice before I acted. But the females of the species, etc., etc.

Nevertheless, your kindness means much to me and makes this letter easier. I am enclosing the reply to Dr. Gottschalk from Mr. Embree, the implications of which are, I believe, obvious. It was Mr. Gottschalk who suggested this and as you will who made the first move. He was, in fact, awaiting my arrival before doing so, and is anxious for me to go to Europe to work on my problem. I shall always be in his debt for his interest and support.

He has suggested that the other two recommendations should come from Clark U. and Atlanta. This caused me a little hesitation, especially since he, at the same time, warned me of the danger in references – either outright knifing, or achievement of the same effect by understatement. The Clark reference is guaranteed.

With due regard to all generosity and faith in mankind, I have already learned not to forget that human beings are subject to human weaknesses, at all times, in all stations. Your name came to my mind at once as the obvious person to name as a reference, if I had such a legitimate claim upon you. I did not feel, however, that I had such a claim.

16-6-41

The others I rejected because of the dangers of the human weaknesses. I attempt no flattery to say that you are a super-man, or not human; not at all. But I felt that I could depend upon you, if I had the claim. Another reason, of course, is that I prefer to move quietly until this is well along the way, there being too many opportunities between now and April for slips.

My question to Lyda was: did she think that I had the right to broach the subject to you? Well, Dr. DuBois, her forwardness is only her loyalty, one of her many fine qualities.

I am perfectly willing to be guided by your advice. My hesitation in asking you directly was caused by the remark I heard at the dinner-table, that you never give recommendations. Please do what you think best. Ask Mr. Logan as you suggest. He is obviously the man who should be asked, but I can hardly be blamed for my hesitation. Coming through you, I am sure that

it will work quite successfully.

Don't you think it better that you speak to him first as you suggested? If he is favorable, I shall then write him.

16-5-42

Mr Gottschalk (address below) is now chairman of the department of history and will glad to furnish any information that may be helpful to either of you.

Believe me, I appreciate your kindness in this matter; all the more because I know I did not have the right to ask it.

You might be interested to know that I was offered a half-scholarship for next year. I declined because it was not enough. I have since been told that I am being considered seriously for a research assistantship next year if, as is expected, one becomes vacant. That was not an offer, but the information was given to me reliably and confidentially, in order that I may be prepared if the offer does come. I shall be almost forced to accept it if it does come.

Please give the enclosure, when you have finished to Mrs. Kennedy who will bring it up here with her at the end of the session there.

I hope you will find continued good health throughout the approaching vacation, and again I thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin S Kennedy

July 20, 1937

16-4-42

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

Enclosed is the letter from Mr. Embree which I am returning, a letter from Dr. Logan, and one from myself. I think these will cover the situation as you can say in explanation that there is none from the President of Atlanta University because the president under whom you worked is dead and the new one has just come. I am very glad indeed to be of any assistance and I sincerely hope that you will get this opportunity. I am glad to know of the way that seems very definitely to be opening for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Melvin D. Kennedy
6357 Langley Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

[Enclosure]

July 20, 1937

16-6-44

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Mr. Melvin D. Kennedy as a teacher in the Laboratory High School of Atlanta University during the last four years. He has seemed to me essentially a scholar, careful and conscientious in his work, and of excellent moral character. I think he deserves an opportunity for further study, and I should be very glad indeed to see him receive a scholarship for this purpose. I am sure he would do credit to this University and to any organization that gave him help.

W. E. B. Du Bois
Chairman, Department
of Sociology

Application for appointment

Box 723
Argo, Illinois
April 28, 1937

Dr. DuBouis(?)
69 Fifth Avenue
Crisis Pub. Company
New York, N.Y.

16-7-33

Dear Sir:

I esteem you as an outstanding, staunch Race Leader, so much so, I am asking your advice concerning matter I shall mention in this letter.

I am a young woman 35 years old. I have had a desire from a child up to this age to do something for the up-building or lifting of our Race. Due to that particular fact, I have planned and mapped a program (project) will help the coming generation, (our colored boys and girls)

I feel assure you will agree with me when you have met, discussed, and seen plans.

I should like to talk this matter with you personal in a near future, I think you will benifitted, so will I . I am

Respectfully yours,
Frankie B. King
(Miss.) Frankie B. King

P.S. At this particular time I am an Adult Teacher. (W.P.A.)

May 6, 1937

16+7-34

My dear Madam:

I am no longer connected with the "Crisis" and do not live in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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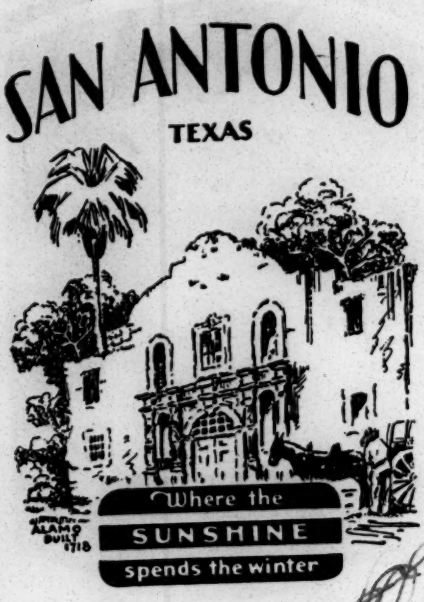

16-12-50

628 Patterson Ave
San Antonio Tex.
Jan 31 1937.

Jas. O. Thomas
2/6/37

Mr. DuBois —

Request for information - 1937

Sir -

Will you please send me some of the literature that was put out in the "Hall of Negro Life" that was distributed at the Centenial - I thought I had several pamphlets but seem to have only "What the Negro has done for the United States & Texas.

I want to get me a Frazier for a Missionary Society

Mon. Feb. 18 = and would be glad to get some more of this. Also is possible to get some of the pictures used there in connection with the work Kindergarten, etc. I would be delighted. I will return all material sent me - paying postage both ways.

Thanking you in advance

I am -

Sincerely

Mrs. F. C. Finney.

February 8, 1937

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of January 31, 1937, I suggest that you write to:

Mr. Jesse O. Thomas
250 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. J. C. Kinney
628 Patterson Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Every Negro American

41/12F148

June 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Knox:

In 1936, you wrote me that there was a possibility of your being able to make a study of masters' and doctors' theses on the subject of the Negro written in the United States before 1931. Will you kindly tell me if anything has been done on this matter or if there is any prospect of it? I shall be very greatly obliged.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Ellis O. Knox
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

41/12F/97

UNPUBLISHED MASTERS' AND DOCTORS' THESES
BEFORE 1931

"As the author of the articles in the Journal of Negro Education entitled, "The Negro as a Subject of University Research", I have for sometime been interested in the project that you refer to. The Department of the Interior's recently launched "Projects in Research in Universities", are now being considered by our research department, and if we receive funds for conducting such research it is my desire to have collected and edited such lists both from the Library of Congress and the various university libraries.

"Should I be enabled to carry on such a project, I will have duplicate cards made, and will be happy to make them available for your use.

"Should the Federal Project not be undertaken, I will at least estimate the cost of compiling such a list from the Library of Congress and inform you of such an estimate."

(Signed) Ellis O. Knox

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Kodama:

16-10-15

I have at last finished my journeys and I am back at my desk in Atlanta University. I remember with great thankfulness your attenion and efforts while I was in Japan. I deeply appreciate everything you have done. I have never had a visit to a foreign country which I enjoyed so much and in which I learned so much as that to Japan. I shall always follow developments in your land with the greatest interest. I hope sometime you will come to America and if you do please let me know.

Social Memo - 1937

I have seen Mr. Hikida and told him of my adventure.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Kuni Kodama
Kwansi Gakin University
Nishinomiya
Japan

Eve of the Negro

February 11, 1937

16-5-14

My dear Dr. Krans:

I have reached America at last by way of China and Japan and hasten to thank you for your kindness and cooperation while I was in Paris. I had an interesting visit with Professor Homburgher and M. Paul Boyer.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Horatio S. Krans
American University Union
173 Boulevard Saint Germain
Paris, France

16-2-38

c/o Chief Modjadji,
Duivelskloof,
Northern Transvaal,
South Africa,
3 Sept., 1937.

Dear Sir,

I have only just received your communication of 17 April re regard to a proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. My wife and I, as you will observe from our address, are at present residing re a Bantu tribe, where we are doing research work of a Social Anthropological nature for some considerable time. We have in fact devoted all our energies to this kind of work for the last few years.

In the circumstances it goes without saying that we are prepared to offer our sympathy and cooperation re respect of the very ambitious but absolutely essential work you are undertaking. At present we are, and, for another 18 months shall be, very tied up re fieldwork, but as far as we can, we shall be pleased to be of assistance.

Wish you very success,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J.D. Krige.

Dr W.E.B. duBois
Atlanta University, U.S.A.

March 10, 1937

16-10-3

My dear Mr. Kumazawa:

I reached San Francisco on New Year's day and have been at my desk in Atlanta University since February 2. I had a most delightful stay in Japan, and remember with deep gratitude your kindness while I was in Mukden.

My best regards to friends there, and I hope when you come to America I shall see you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Y. Kumazawa
General Directorate of Railways
Mukden
Manchoukuo

March 11, 1937

14-5-23

My dear Professor Labouret:

On two visits to Paris last summer I tried to get in contact with you both personally and by letter, but I understand that you were in Africa during this time. Perhaps you know something of our plan to edit and publish an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, but I wanted to talk with you personally and explain our proposal more at length.

During the summer I had several interviews with Dr. Westermann in Berlin, and I talked with Dr. Malinowski and Miss Brackett in London, Dr. De Cleene in Brussels, Dr. Frobenius in Germany, Professor von Eickstedt in Breslau, Professor Woelfel in Vienna, and Mlle. Homburger and Mr. Boyer in Paris. Our project still lacks the necessary financial backing but there seems to be good prospects for getting it. I want especially to have your sympathy and cooperation, and some contribution from your pen. Of course, these will be paid for.

Our general plan is to issue an Encyclopaedia in about four large volumes after four or five years of preparation and writing. The Encyclopaedia is to cover persons of Negro descent in North and South America and the West Indies, and in Africa, with of course some reference to the Negroid peoples of Asia and the South Seas. We aim at concise accurate and short articles rather than exhaustive essays. In America especially it seems to us necessary to fix as accurately as possible the present state of knowledge concerning the Negro race knowing that within ten or twenty years our knowledge will be greatly increased and a revised or new Encyclopaedia needed. But at present with regard to the Negro as to so many social subjects there is in America and elsewhere a curious mélange of tradition, prejudice, and scientific knowledge which makes it very difficult for the average citizen to know just what the present state of knowledge is. If we can fix that today with fair accuracy in an Encyclopaedia we think this will be of great importance not only to scientific workers but to the

formation of scientific opinion and as a basis for social reform and further scientific exploration.

I am enclosing some data which will show you the history of the movement and the names of some of the persons who have promised cooperation.

I should be glad to hear from you at your leisure, and secure if possible your sympathy and cooperation.

I am Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor H. Labouret
26 rue de La Pépinière
Paris VIII
France

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Le Dr. W.B. DUBOIS

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16-1-54

Cher Docteur Dubois,

Je suis heureux de vous accuser réception de la lettre que vous avez bien voulu m'écrire au sujet de "Encyclopaedia of the Negro".

Ainsi que je vous l'ai déjà exprimé dans ma dernière lettre, votre entreprises est assurée de ma sympathie et de ma collaboration dans la mesure de mes moyens.

Il est évident que cette collaboration devra porter sur les sujets qui me sont familiers, et parmi lesquels je vous signale : La Géographie et l'Histoire Ancienne des colonies françaises de l'Afrique Tropicale ; l'Enseignement et en particulier l'Enseignement des masses ; La médecine et l'hygiène ; le problème du Paysannat indigène ; Les grands travaux d'irrigation du Niger ; La colonisation et la production par l'indigène etc.

Je vous demande de votre côté de me faire savoir quels sont les sujets, en dehors de ceux-ci, que vous souhaiteriez me voir traiter.

Veuillez agréer, cher Docteur Dubois, l'expression de mes sentiments sincères.

H. Labouret

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Sonata in D minor for Violin and Piano... *Coleridge-Taylor*

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I'm Troubled in Mind .... *Coleridge-Taylor*

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Fisk University,
Nashville, Tennessee,
March 26, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-7-31

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am planning to come to Atlanta on business during our Spring Vacation here, April 2 through April 10, and I should like to bring one of my graduate students in English, Mr. Leslie M. Collins, to interview you as part of his preparation for his thesis on "The Problems of the Negro American Scholar as Exemplified in the Works of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois." Several years ago one of our graduate students wrote a thesis on "Dr. W. E. B. DuBois as a Man of Letters", but Mr. Collins' thesis will have a very different emphasis as the title indicates.

Mr. Collins is a native of Louisiana, a graduate of Dillard University, Cum Laude, 1936, and is one of my most promising students. I should be grateful indeed if you could grant him an interview, or some two or three, during his visit there. He will be coming just to see you, and will doubtless stay in the Atlanta University graduate dormitory during his stay there. He has read all your works and has begun work on his thesis. He is eager for you to read what he has written already and to discuss the plan of his whole work with you. Dr. James Weldon Johnson, with whom he has had several conversations, has promised to give him a letter of introduction to you.

I am hopeful that you will be in the city part or all of the week we shall be there, and I should be grateful indeed for any time and attention

you may be able or disposed to grant Mr. Collins.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Lanier

E. A. Lanier.

16-7-32

P. S. Other theses in preparation by graduate students in English here this year are on the following subjects: "The Concept of Feminine Beauty in the Negro American Novel"; "The Minister of the Gospel in Negro American Literature"; "The Southern Gentleman in Negro American Literature"; "Utopian Thought in Negro American Literature"; "Naturalism in Negro American Literature"; and "The Works of George S. Schuyler - The Negro as Critic and Satirist."

16-12-21

1740 Dumnesnil Street
Louisville, Kentucky
September 29, 1937

Request for info 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am planning to make a study of the Negro in English Literature. My attempt will be to find out the attitude of the British writers towards the Negro and to notice what influence the advent of slavery into the British Empire had upon it. I hope to divide my work into two phases. The first division will comprise the years from the beginnings of English Literature to 1750. This part of the work I shall do to fulfill the requirement for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Indiana University. The second phase will begin with 1750 and end with the modern era.

I, however, would appreciate knowing the attitude of various scholars towards the problem. Would you kindly assist me in this matter by giving me your criticism as to whether you think the project will yield a distinct contribution to the study of English Literature and of Negro Life?

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Lawery

Robert S. Lawery

October 20, 1937

15-12-22

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of September twenty-ninth I beg to say that the subject which you outline would be of considerable interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert S. Lawery
1740 Dumnesnil Street
Louisville, Kentucky

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Letters of Appreciation

16-13-28

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter in regard to my proposed study at Indiana University. Your criticism was very helpful to me, and I shall appreciate any additional suggestions that you may wish to make in the future.

I have my heart set on this work, and I do hope that I may do justice to it. I again thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Lawery

Robert S. Lawery

2 3 6 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia
May 27, 1937

Students

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

16-10-28

I have been recently awarded a full tuition and maintenance scholarship to the Cheney Institute of Race Relations which is being conducted under the sponsorship of the Friends' Service Committee. My acceptance of this scholarship is contingent upon my being able to earn enough during the month of June to pay my traveling expenses from Atlanta to the Institute and back.

I am writing this note to ask if there might be something that I might be able to do in connection with some research or other kind of project that you might happen to have on foot during the month of June. I shall be available beginning with Saturday, June 5th., until July 3rd.

I believe that the Cheney Institute would prove to be a continuation--a very valuable continuation--of our present course in Modern Race Problems. I shall greatly appreciate anything that you might be able to do for me in this connection.

Respectfully yours,

Chas. R. Lawrence, Jr.

Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.

June 5, 1937

Memo to Mr. Lawrence:

I would very much like to have your services this summer, but regret to say that I see no way in which your pay could be arranged. It is possible that if you were here during the summer school that from time to time there might be something that you could do for me but I cannot make this definite enough to give you any real encouragement.

Mr. Charles R. Lawrence
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Adresse télégraphique: NATIONS GENEVE

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In any further communication on this subject please quote
No. M.L. 1. 1937. XII.
and address to: The Secretary-General, League of Nations, Geneva.

16-4-35

HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations proposes to publish an English edition of the "Handbook of International Organisations" (Associations, Bureaux, Committees, etc.), the French edition of which was issued in May 1936.

The Secretariat desires, so far as possible, to include in the English edition any changes that may have occurred in the structure and composition of the organisations mentioned in this publication since the French edition appeared.

For this purpose, the enclosed notice, which, it will be observed, is a copy of that inserted in the 1936 edition, should be amplified or amended as the case may be.

If no change is required in its wording, the notice should merely be returned to the Secretariat (Section of International Bureaux) stating that it is approved.

As the publication in question is to be issued shortly, the Secretariat would be glad to have a reply at the earliest possible moment.

Geneva, January 25th, 1937.

Mr. W.E. Burghardt du Bois,
Pan-African Congress,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA.
Georgia.

16-4-06

February 11, 1937

Dear Sir:

Referring to No. M.L. 1. 1937. XII, I beg to return your note concerning the Pan-African Congress. I suggest the following changes: in the last line "A Congress is planned for 1938. Also the permanent secretary has become editor-in-chief of a projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro which will become a part of the work of the Congress."

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Secretary-General
League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

16-4-07

June 28, 1937

Sir:

A group of colored and white scholars in the United States assisted by numbers of other scholars in Europe are planning an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. I write to ask: first, what collections have you in books and materials in your office which would be of advantage to us for consultation? Is there a catalogue? Secondly, what persons or bureaus in your office have especially concerned themselves with the Negro race and what publications have you issued?

I had the honor of knowing the first director of your bureau before his untimely death.

I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Secretary, The International Labor Office
The League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

80-4-91

June 28, 1937

My dear Sir:

A group of scholars in America, composed of both colored and white people are doing preliminary work upon an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. I am enclosing some literature concerning it. I write to ask especially for data on two matters: first, what collections of books and material on conditions in Africa and among persons of Negro descent have been made by the League of Nations and where are they housed. Have any catalogues been issued? Secondly, what part of your organization outside the International Labor Office has dealt or is dealing especially with African problems, and what persons connected with the League of Nations are special experts in these matters?

I shall appreciate any information you can give me. I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Secretary-General
League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

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and address to: The Secretary-General, League of Nations, Geneva.

16-2-45

GENEVA, August 6th, 1937.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 28th, addressed to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, requesting data which the League may have bearing upon Africa and African questions, I have to reply as follows:

First, the Permanent Mandates Commission, an advisory body to the Council, examines each year annual reports of the mandatory Powers for territories in Africa, including Tanganyika, the Cameroons and Togoland under British mandate, the Cameroons and Togoland under French mandate, Ruanda-Urundi and South West Africa. You will find considerable material of possible interest to you in annual reports of the mandatory Powers for the above-mentioned territories and in the Minutes of the Permanent Mandates Commission. In these minutes you will also find a list of documents forwarded by the mandatory Powers to the League of Nations relating to the territories under mandate which are usually printed as annexes to these Minutes.

Another League body dealing with African questions is the Advisory Committee of Experts on Slavery, which has submitted to the League Council various reports and materials relating to Africa and which has published several reports on this subject.

In an accompanying annex, you will find the names of the members of the Permanent Mandates Commission and of the Advisory Committee on Slavery. A catalogue of published League documents can be procured from the League's publication agents in the United States: The Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York City.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin Gerig

For the Director, Information Section.

Dr. E.W.B. Du Bois,
Editor of "Encyclopaedia of the Negro",
Atlanta University,
Atlanta (Georgia).

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League of Nations

Geneva, August 6th, 1937

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Very truly yours,

(signed) Benjamin Gerig

For the Director, Information Section

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

CWHW/JD.

[League of Nations]
[8-19-1937]

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Dans la réponse, prière de rappeler le:
When replying, please quote reference:
No. S.61/2768.

19. VII. 1937

16-2-39

Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 28 June 1937 and to make the following reply to the questions contained therein :

(1) The Libraries of the League of Nations and the International Labour Office contain a large number of books, official reports, memoranda, etc. relating to countries inhabited by people of African race ; the collection of official and semi-official publications is particularly extensive. These works are catalogued in the Libraries, but the only published catalogue, of the existence of which I am aware, is a selected catalogue of works about territories under mandate, in Africa and elsewhere, issued by the League Library. In regard to the Library of the League of Nations, however, I would suggest that, if you have not already done so, you should correspond directly with the Librarian.

Whether it would be of advantage to you to arrange for consultation of the works in these Libraries is a difficult question. There is no doubt that the collections are in no way comparable with those available in the United States, London, Paris, etc. On the other

Dr. W.E.B. Du BOIS,
Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA.
Georgia.
U.S.A.

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GENEVA

Dans la réponse, prière de rappeler le:
When replying, please quote reference:
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hand, the fact that these collections can be consulted in one place may be of advantage to you.

(2) African labour questions are dealt with by the Special Problems Section of the International Labour Office. Articles and information notes are published from time to time in the International Labour Review (monthly) and Industrial and Labour Information (weekly), while a yearly summary is published in the International Labour Office Year Book. The only reports issued by the Office relate to specific subjects on which action has subsequently been taken by the International Labour Conference in the form of International Labour Conventions : i.e. the "Grey" Reports on Forced Labour and on Recruiting of Labour.

Should you desire specimen copies of the periodical publications or copies of the two reports just mentioned , I would suggest that you should communicate with the International Labour Office Correspondent in the United States : Mr. L. MAGNUSSON, Branch Office of the International Labour Office, 734 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

Yours sincerely,

C.W.H. WEAVER,
Chief of the Special Problems Section.

5/5/37

RAYFORD W. LOGAN
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Paid 5/5/37

Received of Rayford W. Logan the sum of six dollars thirty cents for stenographic service in preparing the material for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

16-13

May 3, 1937

Carrie J. Leigh

Request to read manuscript

October 7, 1937

16-6-10

Memo to Miss Lemon:

I think your story is a good one. It might be improved in style and ways of putting it. It is a bit conventional in its morality but there is there the basis of a good tale.

Miss Elizabeth E. Lemon
Oglethorpe School
Atlanta, Georgia

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Rondebosch

19th May, 1937.

16-1-58

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA,
Ga. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo and of the circulars enclosed therewith relating to the intended publication of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I do not know in what way you desire me to offer proofs of my sympathy and co-operation in this publication. As far as subscribing to it when it does appear, I should imagine the Library of this University would undoubtedly acquire a copy, and might possibly be induced to subscribe in advance therefor, should this be desired. On that point you might communicate with the Librarian, J.W. Jagger Library, University of Cape Town.

As far as my collaboration in any of the articles in the Encyclopaedia might be concerned, I should be prepared to consider any definite suggestions which you might make in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G.P. Lestrade

PROFESSOR OF BANTU LANGUAGES.

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School of African Studies University of Cape Town

19th May, 1937

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Atlanta University
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Yours faithfully,

signed G. P. Lestrade

Professor of Bantu Languages

5J:226 West 150th Street
New York, N. Y.
June 27th, 1935

16-13-40

Mr. Burdette G. Lewis
850 East 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I have not run across the specific incident in the Western Reserve which you mentioned. But it is quite likely that it took place. Of course, even in the eighteenth century there were proposals for freeing the slaves.

Very truly yours,

WEBDuB/s

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

FRANCES E. LEWIS
125 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 28, 1937.

16-18-5

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I wrote Mrs. Du Bois a short while ago asking her if she could help me locate the first number of the "Crisis". I have kept the magazine since the beginning as I thought, until you ceased to be the editor in 1934. I decided to give my copies to the Boston Athenaeum Library to be bound and kept for historical purposes. I found that owing to moving around during the past 25 years I had a few copies missing. After consulting my friends and writing the office of the Association I have secured every copy but the first number Nov. 1910. Mrs. Du Bois informed me that perhaps you had more than one copy of that number and you might be willing to part with it because of its destination.

I find people who have kept their

files and of course do not want to break them. If you have not one to spare perhaps you can advise me where I might secure one. I am quite ready to pay for it if it can be secured. May I ask you for an early answer. I have enjoyed the accounts of your world trip as have been published in the Pittsburg Courier and I am glad you shared your knowledge and observations with the public because they were valuable.

Respectfully yours,

Eva Lewis

March 3, 1937

My dear Miss Lewis:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 28. I am sorry to say that I have no copy of the first number of the "Crisis" except the copy which is bound in with my only first volume. I do not know where you can find it, but if I do get word of one I shall hasten to let you know.

I am glad to know you are well, and assure you that I have had a most delightful trip.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Frances E. Lewis
125 Garden Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Nov. 15, 1937

MRS. RAYMOND D. LITTLE COVINGTON LOUISIANA

16-12-87

My dear Dr. Dubois:

It was with great surprise and profound sadness that I read your article in the Pittsburgh Courier of Oct. 30 —

I am grieved that you were willing to report an event which obviously you had not sufficient interest to investigate; for if you had you would have found it to be untrue —

What the motive of your informer could have been will always be a mystery but what is so astonishing is that you should have been so eager to believe —

I have always had the greatest esteem for your ability and intellectual qualities, and more than that I have admired your constructive attitude regarding the development and progress of your race. I have thought many times

of our talks in the old New York days with my dear friend Louis Mathews. I did not find then the bitterness which I detect in the author of this article in the Pittsburgh Courier and I admit that it grieves me very deeply.

I was sent to Nashville last December to make arrangements for the first Public meeting of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís, to be held in a Southern city. This work was done with consultation and cooperation of the members of the Bahá'í Faith in that city, and for your information the majority of these members are of your race.

On Jan. 12. 1934 a Public meeting was held in the Ball Room of the Hermitage Hotel and both races were present. Later in March another meeting was held at the Hermitage Hotel and both races were present. And I might state that this was the first time in a conservative Hotel in a Southern city that both races were represented. And is a proof that the Spirit which motivates the Bahá'í Faith has the power to overcome prejudice of all kind.

MRS. RAYMOND D. LITTLE COVINGTON LOUISIANA

The Bahá'í Faith is the Spirit of the Creative Word for this day and is for all mankind. Its effect is limited only by the capacity of the recipients of this Word. Its aims are clearly to herald a new World Order, but only through the Spirit of love can this be accomplished. It does not admit the limitations of the color line or nationality, or creed; nor does it claim to limit the human race to one social plane; but-rather it aims to reach the hearts of all men, and regenerate them so that a true and real brotherhood will be established, in order that all will share in the building of this new world consciousness. It is a mighty goal to be achieved but we who are the followers of Bahá'u'lláh believe that it will be done. In this inspiring plan there are no personal feelings of prejudice or self centered superiority complexes; all these things are

16-12-90

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to be forgotten, may the knowledge of this supreme fact which joins all mankind in a common task, which is to build and to destroy - No sacrifice can be too great for the attainment of such a goal -

I hope, my dear Dr. Dubois, that you will acknowledge this letter, in which I have dared to give you facts, which you were not aware, I have done this for your sake as well as for the sake of the Cause I serve -

With Every good wish -

Sincerely

Marion McLetter

December 1, 1937

16-12-65

My dear Mrs. Little:

I did not comment on the new Baha'i race attitude with pleasure but rather with sorrow. I have your letter and I have talked with Mr. Gregory. You and Mr. Gregory disagree on one point. Mr. Gregory admits that there was a meeting of the Baha'i at the hotel in Nashville but says that colored people were not invited because it was a private meeting. I knew, of course, that there were some meetings to which colored people were invited but I should not have taken exception even if there had been a private meeting. I can conceive many reasons why this should take place but I cannot conceive any reason why openly, publicly and suddenly this should be erected into a fixed policy of the Baha'i movement with the highest sanction. Nothing that either of you have said alters to my mind the essential fact that in the year 1937 of all years it was necessary for the spiritual head of the Baha'i movement to put down in black and white a sanction for race separation based on color such as the Baha'i had never had before. I can well believe there have been reasons for race distinctions in the practical conduct of the Baha'i movement. But why now must that be set down in black and white as a code of procedure? What change has taken place recently that has made this necessary? Of course I am convinced that a change has taken place and the change is this: Mr. Holley and others and your leaders are convinced that they cannot make headway with certain people in the South unless they draw the color line and they have, therefore, induced Shoghi Effendi openly to draw this line. I think as I have said before that this is nothing less than a shame for this otherwise promising movement.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Raymond D. Little
Covington
Louisiana

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16-7-9

Lectures 1937

Telephone SPring 7-2386

May 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In my history class I have been introducing my children to the gross distortion of history of the Reconstruction Period as depicted in textbooks.

Would it be possible for you to come and address the class on "The Truth of the Reconstruction Period"?

I make this request with some hesitation, knowing that you are a busy man and can hardly be expected to address a group of 35 twelve year olds. If you are unable to do it, will you please suggest someone who might. An alternative subject might be a discussion of the Pulitzer Prize novel "Gone With the Wind", with emphasis on the Reconstruction as distorted in that book.

Sincerely,

Norman Studer

May 28, 1937

My dear Mr. Studer:

Answering your letter of May 8, I beg to say that I spend most of the year in teaching here at Atlanta Univer ity and I am only in New York now and then and on vacation. I regret, therefore, that I can ot serve you in accordance with your kind letter of May 8.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Norman Studer
The Little Red School House
196 Bleecker Street
New York City

February 10, 1937

My dear President Trent:

I beg to say in answer to your letter of November 5, 1936, that I could speak at your college Friday, April 23, 1937. The charge would be fifty dollars. May I hear from you at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. J. Trent
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

15-28-82

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LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N. C.

February 23, 1937

2/24/37

Doctor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10th concerning your engagement here at the college. If the date of April 23rd suits your convenience best, as stated in your letter, we will settle on that date. We shall look forward with very much interest to your coming.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Trent, President

WJT:nw

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N. C.

4/1/37

April 8, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-23-84

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In a previous letter to me you stated that you could be with us on April 23. We find that a number of matters here in our college program would conflict with this date. In order to get the best results, I am asking if you could give us some date during the week following April 23. We would appreciate very much your immediate reply in reference to this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Trent, President

WJT:nw

Telegram:- "April 27 or May 3 will answer"

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Livingstone College
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WE WILL EXPECT YOU MAY THE THIRD=

W J TRENT.

NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE IS MADE FOR REQUESTING A REPLY BY WESTERN UNION

April 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Trent:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak at Livingstone College Monday, May third.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. J. Trent
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Jan 13,1937

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

16-5-02

Dear Logan:

I have your second inquiry about the Encyclopedia list. I have looked it over, and so far as I can see, it is very exhaustive. I have almost no suggestions; except care to define clearly the basis of the "Negro" claim to many of the items in the Hansberry African outline. It seems to me that excessive claims on these lines will react unfavorably against the more solid traditional lines of Negro history. The cultural rather than the straight [redacted] ethnic claim ought to be relied on, and some quite authoritative ethnological and ethonographic sources consulted. Mr. Allison Davis and Mr. [redacted] Louis King are accredited young ethnologists, one with the imprimatur of Boas and the other that of Hooton and Warner Lloyd. I would impress you and Dr. DuBois with the significance of this; and its importance to the academic standing of the work in this field.

With usual personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alain Locke

Mr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University.

January 19, 1937

My dear Dr. Locke:

Thank you very much for your good letter of January thirteenth and its suggestions for compiling a definitive list of topics that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should contain. Your observations will receive the very careful consideration of Dr. Du Bois.

16-5

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Alain Locke
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Locke:

I found your letter of November 30, 1936, concerning my booklet on my return to my desk. May I ask you to return my manuscript at your earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Alain Locke
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

41-15-9

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

February 5, 1937

16-5-07

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am very much pleased to learn that an Encyclopedia of the Negro is in process of preparation. I am afraid I shall not be able to be of any great assistance to you as I have been away from Latin America for many years and have not kept in correspondence with any considerable number of scholars in that part of the world. I can think of only one name to suggest: Señor Doctor Don Vicente Lecuna, Caracas, Venezuela. Doctor Lecuna, I am sure, will be able to suggest the proper name for his country. If you are not in correspondence with Doctor Percy Martin of Stanford University, you ought to write to him. He could suggest a larger number of names than anyone else in the country. I suggest also the name of Doctor G. M. McBride of this institution.

I wish you the best of success in your venture.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Lockey

JBL:sm

Joseph B. Lockey

R. W. Logan

January 1, 1937.

Received of W. E. B. Du Bois (Phelps-Stokes Fund) fifty and no/100 dollars ($50.00).

Rayford W. Logan.
Rayford W. Logan.

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 7, 1937

16-2-61

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Welcome home and thanks for your Christmas greeting from Japan.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my latest report to Dr. Stokes. You will notice that he requested me to suggest to you that you personally inform Mr. Embree of the progress that has been made and of the plan of Dr. Stokes to endeavor to obtain in the spring the necessary support for the proposed Encyclopaedia.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

P. S. On January 5, I sent Mrs. Du Bois a check from Harcourt Brace in the amount of $89.77.

Mrs. Rachel Davis Du Bois asked me to send you her new address: 439 West 123 Street, New York City and her telephone number - University 4-0845- so you may know where to get in touch with her in New York.

Mrs. Mabelle Williams writes that the Y. W. C. A. wishes the lecture subject: The World in 1937

E. I. D.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Encyclopaedia of Negro

January 12, 1937

16-5-01

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with your suggestion that a small sum be allowed certain specialists I have promised a total of $120.00 to scholars in Puerto Rico, Colombia, Hayti, Brazil, Argentine, and Cuba. It seems advisable to ask the cooperation of eight other Latin-American specialists to each of whom a minimum of fifteen dollars should be offered. Before doing so, however, I should like to be sure that you have not allocated a part of the research fund of $250.00 and that you have no objection to the expenditure of approximately all of this fund on Latin-America.

If we can secure the cooperation of these specialists, we should have a pretty complete list of Latin-America. There would remain, however, the smaller islands of the Caribbean.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In my opinion the list of suggested subjects is a splendid beginning which needs only working over and some additions to be put into definitive form. The need for additions is particularly evident in the section on Latin America.

16-13-1

Since my suggestions are rather numerous, I have placed them on the mimeographed forms with the purpose of discussing them with you at length. In addition, I have many topics that I believe should be added.

I believe that it would be advisable to go through the two volumes of Social Science Abstracts that I have not been able to complete and through all of the volumes of the International Bibliography of Historical Sciences for topics and specialists. These latter volumes would require work by some one able to read French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 8, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Since M. Dantès Bellegarde, Port au Prince, Haiti, has completed the work for which I promised him the sum of ten dollars upon your return, I should appreciate it if you would send him a check in that amount at your early convenience.

16-13.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 17, 1937

Memo to Dr. Logan:

I want to prepare as soon as possible:

16-13-2

a. a list of those who answered our request for criticism of the proposed Encyclopaedia subjects divided into classes, that is, those who did not have time to examine the lists, those who made general statements, and those who sent in specific criticisms and subjects.

b. a revised list of subjects embodying the criticisms and suggestions.

c. a revised list of persons approving the project and expressing a willingness to cooperate.

I should be glad to have a conference with you as soon as possible on these matters.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
February 19, 1937

81-9-16

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

Herewith three letters that should be filed with the correspondence of the Encyclopaedia. Do you wish to answer those from Professor Lockey and from Mr. Morris?

I am also sending herewith the Bibliography of the West Indies (Excluding Jamaica) which Mr. Morris was good enough to send me. Although out of date, it appears to be quite valuable.

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

3/4/37

Dr. DuBois:
Have you answered those from Professor Lockey & Mr. Morris?
RWL

February 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

16-13-3

Dr. Robert E. Park is going to be at Atlanta University Friday afternoon and night and Saturday morning. Can you arrange to join me in conference with him?

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 3, 1937

Received from Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois the sum of fifty dollars for assisting with the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro during the month of February, 1937.

Rayford W. Logan

16-13

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 4, 1937

16-5-21

From : Dr. Logan

To: Dr. Du Bois

Subject: Encyclopaedia

I have made a first incorporation of the suggestions received for the proposed Encyclopaedia.

I am working on the incorporation of the topics based on my own research.

In order to complete this phase of the work it might be well for you to send another follow-up letter to

Mr. William Anthony Aery
Dr. Franz Boas
Mrs. Caroline Bond Day
Miss Ruth Anna Fisher
Mr. T. Arnold Hill
Dr. Mordecai Johnson
Miss Catherine Latimer
Miss Florence Read

I am returning herewith the correspondence with them. Miss Diggs has a copy of the follow-up letter that I sent to them. (Letter of January 7, 1937)

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 4, 1937

6-2-59

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

After a careful reading of the proposed request to the acting-President and Trustees of Atlanta University with reference to a "Negro Social Science Review" I am prepared to sign the statement and willing to lend whatever assistance I can.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent: Memo to the President of the Phelps-Stokes Fund regarding the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro

March 15, 1937

16-13-4

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Mr. Reid and I are trying to arrange a conference with Charles S. Johnson of Fisk concerning a "Negro Journal of Social Science". We are proposing April third or fourth in Birmingham. Reid will be there at that time, and I shall drive up with you if you can go. Can you?

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P. S. Mr. Stokes has asked me to come North to meet with representatives of two of the boards April 12.

March 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

16-13-5

Please read and return the enclosed letter, especially the paragraph marked on page 2. Do you think we can have the dummy by the thirtieth?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 25, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

6-1-13-19 The dummy will be ready for April 30th in so far as our material here will permit.

In order to make it as complete as possible I should like to offer the following suggestions.

1) Have Dr. Westermann submit a list of the most important individuals--say about one hundred--in the history of Africa

2) Allow space for biographies as follows: Brazil, 50; Cuba, 50; Santo Domingo, 10; Jamaica, 20; Porto Rico, 20; Colombia, 40; Venezuela, 30; Panama, 25; Mexico, 12; Central America, 12; Paraguay, 2; Uruuguay, 2; Argentina, 4; Chile, 4; Bolivia, 3; Ecuador, 2; Peru, 15; Virgin Islands, 5; Martinique, 10; Guadaloupe, 10; Other British West Indies, 15; Dutch West Indies, 5; Swedish West Indies, 2. These could be labeled by the name of the country in their alphabetical order with the subtitle, biography.

3) Include the statements of Pattee, Ortiz, Ramos, Bellegarde, Valle, and some of the North American scholars in the field of Latin American history with those of the European scholars

It is very gratifying to know that Dr. Stokes approves the work that has been done. I am returning his letter herewith.

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P.S. I am also returning letters from Drs. Oldham, Malinowski Wölfel Westermann, Homburger and Frobenius & McMillan
I took a copy of Dr. Westermann's list to aid in the preparation of the dummy.

R.W.L.

April 7, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

I must be out of town the latter part of the last week in April in order to join Dr. Stokes in making an assault upon the Foundations in New York. I am wondering if you could find on any of the following dates time to lecture to two of my classes. I hope this will not be asking too much:

Chometz!

Friday, April 23 - 11:40
Monday, April 26 - 11:40
Tuesday, April 27 - 2:45
Wednesday, April 28 - 11:40
Thursday, April 29 - 2:45
Friday, April 30 - 11:40
Monday, May 3 - 11:40

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 12, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Here is a letter from Dr. Park which I am sure you would like to see. Kindly return after reading it. Can we have one or more consultations this week on the matter of the dummy?

any day except
M. W F @ 11:45
T Th @ 2:45-5

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 22, 1957

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Mr. Logan has kindly offered to speak to my class on the Sociology of the American Negro consisting of seven members, seniors and graduate students, on Monday, April 26 at 11:40 and Monday, May 3 at 11:40 on the 14 and 15th Amendments.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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6-5-36

April 28, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am suggesting the following ideas which you may want to keep in mind in presenting the enclosed materials to interested persons.

No attempt has been made to construct a complete bibliography for the various items. The effort has been made, however, to indicate: first, the quality of the material available; and second, the sufficiency of that material.

I am enclosing also a partial bibliography for some of the countries of Latin-America. We have on hand a sufficiently lengthy list for all of the countries of Latin-America.

You will recall that your last idea was to the effect that the materials should be made to fit into four volumes. In addition to the topics given in the accompanying list of subjects something like one hundred and fifty biographical sketches for Africa and a number for each of the Latin-American countries that will depend upon the importance of the Negro's role in the respective countries.

You may want to recall that we have been promised the assistance of the following scholars in Latin-America for the choice of topics and for the writing of the articles: Cuba, Dr. Fernando Ortiz; Haiti, M. Dantes Bellegarde; Porto Rico, Professor Richard Pattee; Jamaica, Mr. Frank Cundall promised to criticize list after compilation. He is now seriously ill. He would probably suggest some one; Colombia, Professor Gabriel Troconis; Mexico and Central America, Rafael Heliodoro Valle. We have the names of one or more specialists in each of the Latin-American countries.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 29, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Mrs. Johnson went to sleep Wednesday afternoon. Consequently, she did not complete the work although I have had an additional typist since last week.

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I am sending herewith the rest of the material.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York, New York

May 6, 1937

16-13-11

My dear Mr. Logan:

May I thank you very much for your kindness for taking two of my classes during my absence. They enjoyed you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

June 4, 1937

16-13-12

Memo to Mr. Logan:

I want to thank you very much for your cooperation with me. This is the last regular check I shall be able to spare but I hope I can still have your cooperation, and that during the year 1937-1938 I shall be able to raise more funds for payment.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 7, 1937

16-13-13

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

My work as research aid in the preparatory work of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro has been a most interesting and enjoyable experience. It is a privilege for any one to have the opportunity of working with you. If any further work needs to be done, let the successful completion of our job be your only concern.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
June 7, 1937

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Memo to Dr, Du Bois:

According to my judgment of the importance of the articles not included in the typed list I suggest the following distribution:

Long articles		350	pages	280,000 words
42	" to total	500	"	400,000
10	" @ 4,800 w	60	"	48,000
257	" @ 2,400 w	771	"	616,800
166	" @ 1,600 w	332	"	265,600
200	" @ 800 w	200	"	160,000
1,140	" to total	387	"	309,600
Index		200	"	160,000
		2,800	"	2,240,000

The ten biographies that I consider of paramount importance are:

Christophe
Dessalines
Douglass
Dunbar
Heureaux
Lincoln
Louverture
Maceo
Pushkin
Washington, Booker T.

Rayford W. Logan

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June 10, 1937

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Mr. Rayford W. Logan
In care of the Colored Y.M.C.A.
Twelfth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Logan:

If you have time won't you go and look at the Daniel Murray Collection. If it is worth anything we might be able to offer $1,000 for it. Originally Mrs. Murray wanted $5,000 or $10,000. Get an idea of its worth if you can. If you have not time on this trip, perhaps you can do it later in the summer.

With best regards,

Very sincerely,

WEBDuB
RLH

June 17, 1937

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Memo to Mr. Logan:

Could Mr. Logan drop in and see me Monday or Tuesday at any time between three and five p. m.?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 19, 1937

16-13-15

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with your request I made an examination of the Murray Collection in Washington at the home of Mrs. Anna Murray, 934 S Street, N. W.

1. There are no books in the collection except a few scrap books the most important of which is a collection of the cartoons of Nast.

2. There are some seven hundred manuscripts which Mr. Murray had prepared for his proposed encyclopaedia. I read that on Saint George. It showed considerable research, but was not documented for some of the most important points.

3. There are "about 120,000 cards" which seem to form the basis of the collection. These cards are very much like those used by students in gathering material for a dissertation, but are probably 2x4. Many of them are written, in ink, on both sides. In many instances the source of the information is given neither at the upper right hand corner nor at the end of the material. It would be impossible, of course, to estimate the real value of the whole collection without a very substantial sampling.

4. Mrs. Murray asks sixty thousand dollars for the three items listed above.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

June 26, 1937

16-13-16

Memo to Mr. Logan:

In making up my list of libraries where material on the Negro can be found, do you know of any collections of Africana in the West Indies, Mexico, South America, and in Italy, Spain and Portugal? If you do let me have a note.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 30, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

The most important documentary collection in Europe dealing with the Negro is the Archives of the Indies which, before the present Spanish Civil War, were in the cities of Simancas, Madrid, and Seville. Some of these have been calendared, notably in the Hispanic American Historical Review, III,292-332 and IV, 559; and in Roscoe R. Hill, Descriptive Catalogue of the Documents Relating to the History of the United States in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba. These compilations will greatly facilitate the search for documents pertaining to the Negro.

For slavery in the French colonies one should consult series Lk9 and Lk12 in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and DXXV56 and DXXV 110 in the Archives Nationales. The very valuable Cahiers de doléances de la colonie de Saint-Domingue were published for the first time in 1933. I have a copy.

Herbert C. Bell and David W. Parker have compiled a Guide to British West Indian Archive Materials in London and in the Islands for the History of the United States. M. S. Giuseppi has described the contents of the British Public Record Office in his Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the British Record Office. The most important is that dealing with the slave trade**Series F. O. 84. There has also been published a List of Colonial Office Records, Preserved in the Public Record Office, supplemented by the Catalogue of Additions to the Manuscripts in the British Museum. Richard Pares has decribed the "Public Records in British West India Islands" in the Institute of Historical Research Bulletin, VII (February, 1930), 149-157. Norman Fee has prepared a Catalogue of Pamphlets, Journals and Reports in the Public Archives of Canada,1611-1867.

In Portugal the present national archives, the counterpart of the British Record Office, are described by Azevedo and Baião in O Archivo da Torre do Tombo.

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Mexico began in 1930 an analysis of her archives in the Boletin del Archivo Général de la Nación. Señor Rafael Heliodoro Valle will aid us in this.

For Argentina the Boletín del Instituto de Investigaciones Historicas has been publishing indexes to the archives.

In Brazil the Publicações do Archivo Nacional, XIII, 5-124, gives a gneral indications of the materials in the national archives.

Vergaray y Velasco has indexed the national archives of Colombia in Republica de Colombia, indice analítico, metódico y descriptivo which covers only the period 1544-1819.

There is a short appraisal, but no catalogue, of the materials in the national archives of Paraguay in Juan F. Perez, Los Archivos de la Asunción.

The Revista del Archivo Nacional del Perú has been publishing a description of the contents.

The Boletín del Archivo Nacional is publishing archival indexes for Venezuela

For France the most valuable guides are Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France: Université de Paris et universités des départements; for the Bibliothèque Nationale, Catalogue général des manuscrits français.

One should also consult the Manoel de Oliveira Lima Mss. in the Catholic University, Washington, and the very important collection of Braziliana at Duke University.

Rayford W. Logan

July 9, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

This is the final correction made by our helpers. Please look it over carefully and make any suggestions. I at first thought that the whole of it or part of it should be copied. But as I see it I am not sure that this is necessary. It would be rather costly and take some time. What do you think?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

July 12, 1937

16-13-18

Memo to Mr. Logan

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just received from Carleton Beals.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

July 19, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

16-13-19

With reference to the difficulties encountered by Negroes who wish to enter Mexico, it is pertinent to note that the Ley de Migración y Reglamento as published in 1934 does not contain, so far as I have been able to find, any specific exclusion of Negroes. I refer especially to Articles 47-48, 51-60. I suggest that the Mexican government be asked to specify the article that excludes Negroes.

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

October 2, 1937

16-13-20

My dear Mr. Logan:

I shall want your services for the Encyclopaedia for the remainder of 1937 and for 1938. My funds for 1937 are rather curtailed and I am going to offer you a mere nominal stipend of $25.00 a month beginning with the month of October. This is not pay but it will compensate for walking across the campus and postage. For 1938 I shall have to calculate later.

There are two jobs that I have in mind either one of which you might do. I think probably the best thing would be a systematic working over and criticism of our list of subjects. Perhaps we might send out through this office a questionnaire on "what subjects would you seek for primarily in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro", and perhaps you can suggest other matters. The second would be a definition of Negro. I think probably we could do this best in this office as it is chiefly a matter of correspondence.

I shall be glad to talk with you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

* Thru' December.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 7, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I shall be happy to serve you again in connection with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro according to the terms of your letter of October 2.

In addition to the matters mentioned in your letter I might try to complete the list of important documentary collections. I made a number of interesting discoveries this summer. It might be possible for me to find also some references for those items for which there are none in the compiled list.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 12, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-13-22

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

At the close of summer school last July I personally carried to your office for safe keeping the box containing all of the material connected with the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro that was in my possession.

It is obvious that I would not have asked for the material until I had been specifically requested to resume work on the Encyclopaedia. This you did in your letter of October 2 which I received on October 5. I came in and talked with you about the Encyclopaedia on October 7. At the conclusion of our talk I asked Miss Diggs for the box that I had left with her in July. To date the box has not been found.

The only explanation that I can offer is the possibility that the box which Miss Diggs gave to Cochran, the janitor, about a week ago is the box in question.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

October 12, 1937

16-13-23

Memo to Mr. Logan:

This is merely for your information. It was sent in yesterday.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

November 3, 1937

6-13-24

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

During the month of October I worked on the compilation of a brief bibliography for the topics in the Encyclopaedia for which I had none. I went over the list of topics for omissions and corrections. I began a careful analysis of Paullin and Paxson's Guide to the Materials in London Archives for the History of the United States since 1783. This Guide goes to only 1860. My research assistant in Washington has been allowed to consult the manuscript list which Miss Grace Gardner Griffin of the Congressional Library has compiled for the period 1860-1870. Both of these examinations revealed topics and documentary sources for important items.

During the month of November I propose to continue work as indicated above. In addition I hope to start on the materials in the National Archives. For example, I have learned that there are several thousand cubic feet there on pensions paid to Negro soldiers.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

November 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

We will want to have in Washington for the meeting Saturday the latest revision of our list of subjects. Will you take that manuscript along with you?

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

December 17, 1937

16-13-26

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Bearer, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, is assisting in the project of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro to be published in four volumes with the assistance of the leading historians, social scientists, and anthropologists of the United States and Europe. Any facilities that may be open to Dr. Logan or any assistance given him will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

(Howard H Long)

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January 7, 1937

16-5-57

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

This brings you my response to your letter with reference to the Encyclopaedia edited by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. I have taken the privilege of getting the reactions of my colleagues, Mr. A. Kiger Savoy, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Schools, and Miss Anna R. Johnson, Research Assistant. The following topics impress us as of possible interest. I believe they have not been included. If, however, their inclusion is contemplated under some heading already provided, then that is quite all right.

(1) The control of Negro education, public and private.

(2) Study of educational adjustment problems. You are aware of the delinquency rate among Negroes, a very vital, pressing problem which it seems to me ought not to be ignored.

(3) Intelligence of Negroes.

(4) Negroes in areas covered and not covered by compulsory education laws.

(5) Compulsory education laws in the South. This would include problems of children attending and not attending schools.

(6) Appropriations for Negro schools from city, state, and national governments.

(7) Length of school terms.

(8) Technological schools for Negroes.

(9) Recreational facilities.

(10) Under former schools for Negroes which are now merged as a single unit, it seems to me there have been some important omissions, for instance, the schools which merged to form Dillard, those which merged to form Virginia Union University, etc. It seems to me that this topic needs a good deal of working over so as to cover the ground adequately.

(11) Under professional schools, schools of social service are of real importance. In this category there should be included also schools of law, schools of music, etc.

(12) Rating agencies for Negro schools ought to be discussed, particularly the college rating agencies.

(13) Under philanthropy or a kindred notion should be discussed the scholarships from Negro organizations, fraternities, sororities, etc.

(14) Somewhere it seems to me there should be a discussion of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools.

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(15) I am not sure that I understand why lynching should be included in this agenda, but if it is, then the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Tuskegee should be a matter of record.

(16) The role of Negro history in the Negro school curriculum.

(17) The fight to purge school literature of derogatory statements regarding Negro life and experience.

(18) Do you have in mind making a brief record of the contribution to the educational scheme of the Negro of such outstanding men as Booker T. Washington, and W. E. B. DuBois. The controversy between these two educational statesmen in my judgment has greatly influenced the course of Negro education in the United States.

(19) Vocational surveys of Negro schools. Vocational education for Negroes is of sufficient importance as to claim an outstanding place.

(20) Finally, may I be pardoned if I suggest that some of the public school systems of outstanding cities might receive some detailed descriptions as contributions to the pattern of urban education of Negroes in the United States. I think of Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Washington as examples.

I shall from time to time try to jot down notes on this general field if it is agreeable to you, and maybe later on I shall have further suggestions to give.

Please accept my thanks for the opportunity to make these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Howard H. Long

Howard H. Long
Assistant Superintendent

HHL/T

January 12, 1937

My dear Dr. Long:

On behalf of Dr. Du Bois permit me to thank you and your colleagues, Mr. A. Kiger Savoy and Miss Anna R. Johnson, for your letter of January seventh in which you were good enough to give me constructive criticisms for improving the suggested list of topics dealing with education that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat. I note also your further interest expressed in your willingness to suggest additional topics. This final spirit of cooperation is very encouraging to Dr. Du Bois and to those associated with him.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Howard Long
Henry Wilson School Building
Seventeenth Street near Euclid
Washington, D. C.

Enc of the Negro

16-5-16

February 17, 1937

My dear Professor Loram:

During the summer while on my trip around the world, I took occasion to get in touch with a number of anthropologists and students of the social sciences. I talked with Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Westermann of the University of Berlin, Professor Eickstedt of the University of Breslau, Professor Woelfel of Vienna, and Professor Homburgher and M. Paul Boyer in Paris. I was also in correspondence with Professor Leo Frobenius. All of these expressed interest in the work and willingness to cooperate. I have also written Professor Macmillan of Oxford who is a South African.

I should be very glad to have from you a list of South African scientists who would be suitable for cooperating in this work. I understand that John Dubbey has his doctor's degree from the University of South Africa. If this is true I shall write him, and I should be glad to have any other names you have in mind.

I think we can go before the Foundations this spring with the statement that most of the best authorities on Africa and the Negro race are in favor of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and willing to work with this project. We have received cooperation in the criticism of the tentative list which I sent out: some persons criticizing in detail, others giving a general criticism, and others unable to give the time for careful examination. I have working with me in the office Dr. Rayford W. Logan who just received this spring his doctor of philosophy in history from Harvard. Cooperating with us are the majority of the young Negro doctors of philosophy from the leading universities during the last ten years.

I have been in correspondence with Dr. Robert E. Park and he is coming to Atlanta in the near future for consultation and survey of the work, and planning of the work yet to be done.

I should be glad to have from you any information or advice on any point.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor C. T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

YALE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

28 Hillhouse Avenue,
New Haven, Connecticut

February 23, 1937

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Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-0-40

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I was glad to learn from your letter of February 17 that you had had a profitable trip round the world and that the prospects for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro were so encouraging.

Among the South Africans who might be able to cooperate are the following:

1. Dr. John Dube, Ohlange Institute, Phoenix, Natal, South Africa. One of the most encouraging events in race matters in South Africa is that recently the University of South Africa awarded the honorary Ph.D. degree to this outstanding South African Native. My personal opinion is that his good will and general interest might be of more value than any actual scientific contribution.

2. Mr. D.D.T. Jabavu, B.A., South African Native College, Fort Hare, Alice C.P. Mr. Jabavu is probably the leading South African Native today. He could represent the African's point of view on most matters, but personally I think he could write best on the political and possibly the educational situations.

3. Mr. Z.K. Matthews, M.A., LL.B., of the South African Native College will probably have obtained his Yale Ph.D. by the time we are ready to engage writers. We at Yale are proud of the fact that a fellow member of our seminar has been appointed a member of the British Government's Commission to study the higher education of Native Africans in Uganda. Mr. Matthew's thesis will be in the field of Law.

4. Mr. D. Mtimkulu, M.A., Adams College, Adams M.S., Natal, another Yale Ph.D.-to-be, could write adequately on the Mission Reserves and also on Native Education. His present address (till July) is Institute of Education, University of London, Southampton Row, London, England.

5. Dr. A. Abdurahman, M.D., Capetwwn, South Africa, was (and probably is still) the leader of the so-called Coloured People and might write on that topic. He is a brilliant writer and speaker with a keen incisive style and reminds me very much of you!

6. Mr. A. Desmond, M.A. (Columbia), Trafalgar High School, Capetown, who has travelled in the South could also write on the Coloured People.

7. Mr. A. Lazarus, B.A. of Sastri Indian College, Durban, who is to do graduate work at Yale with me next academic year, could write on Bantu-Indian relationships.

8. Dr. I. Shapera, Ph.D., etc., of the University of Capetwon, is perhaps our leading anthropologist. If I had any responsibility for the preparation of articles I should be inclined to ask his advice as to writers on the anthropological aspects of the South African Natives. His field of major interest is the Bechuana.

9. Dr. Monica Hunter, Ph.D., Lovedale Institution, Lovedale, has just written an outstanding book on the Pondo entitled Reaction to Conquest. She is one of Professor Malinowski's students.

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10. Mrs. W. Hoernle, M.A., of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, is our most experienced anthropologist. She might write on Bushmen and Hottentots and also on Bantu Religion.

11. Mrs. J. Krige, M.A., of the same university, has made a special study of the Zulu.

12. Dr. A Doke, Litt.D., of the same university, is one of the two outstanding authorities on Bantu Linguistics. The other is

13. Dr. G.P. Lestrade, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Capetown. If I were dividing the linguistic field I think I would chose Dr. Doke as my adviser.

14. Professor Goodwin of the University of Capetown could write on the Material Culture of the Bantu.

15. Dr. W.M. Eiselen, Ph.D. of the University of Stellenbosh, Cape Province, is another distinguished anthropologist. It would be well to include a representative of this Dutch-speaking university among our contributors.

16. Professor Perceval R. Kirby, Litt.D., F.R.C.M., of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, is our leading authority on Bantu Music.

17. Dr. Edgar H. Brookes, Litt.D., Principal of Adams College, Natal, would be the best man to write on Native Administration and on The History of Native Policy.

18. Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A., of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Box 1176, Johannesburg, could help in many ways. He could write well on Race Relations in South Africa.

19. Rev. R.E. Phillips, M.A., B.D., Department of Race Relations, Yale University, is completing his thesis on The Urban Native of Johannesburg. He could write on The Native Mine Worker or generally on The Urban Native.

20. Professor R.F. Hoernle, Department of Philosophy, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, would be our best guide on the philosophy and psychology of the Bantu.

21. Professor W.M. Macmillan, M.A., All Souls College, Oxford, could deal with various historical problems and also with the Coloured People.

22. Mr. W.G. Ballinger who could be addressed in care of Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones could write on Native Trades Unionism.

23. Rev. Father Bernard Huss, Maria Zell Roman Catholic Mission, East Griqualand, is an authority on Native Cooperatives and Rural Organization.

24. Rt. Rev. Bishop Lea, Eshowe, Zululand, has written on the Native Separatist Church.

25. Dr. J.D. Taylor, D.D., who may be addressed care of Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones is perhaps the best and safest man to write on Christianity and the Natives of South Africa.

16-10-42

26. Dr. E.G. Malherbe, Director of Bureau of Education, Union Department of Education, Pretoria, is perhaps the best man in South Africa to write on Native Education. His treatment, limited by his experience, will be statistical rather than interpretive.

Of course, there are many more and when you reach the point of assigning articles I could, I think, be of more help.

Because I know my South Africa and appreciate university and personal jealousies I am inclined to suggest that you do not yet correspond with any particular persons, not even my dear friend, John Dube. My feeling is that South Africa needs to be kept aware of what we are proposing to do and the development of our project, but that the time for individual correspondence has not yet come.

Undoubtedly the best way to let South Africa know what we are doing is through the Institute of Race Relations which has a quarterly publication. However, I think you would need to exercise caution with my friend, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, who was secretary of the Institute of Race Relations when I was president, lest he commit you to action without authority.

If my present plans hold, I expect to be in Atlanta on or about April 12. If it does not hamper your activities you might care to delay action till then, for it is much easier and often more profitable to talk than to write.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

March 3, 1937

16-10-43

My dear Mr. Loram:

Thank you very much for the list of persons in South Africa which you sent. I shall follow your advice and not write them until we have had a chance to talk. I had, however, already written Professor Macmillan. I got in touch with him through Miss Fisher in London; although I did not actually meet him.

I shall be here the week of April the twelfth and shall be very glad indeed to see you. Let me know as soon as possible when you expect to be here.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

3/11/37

March 6, 1937

16-10-44

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of March 3. We expect to be in Atlanta on April 13 or 14. I hope you will be willing not only to confer with me on the Encyclopaedia project but to give my students (eight or ten in number) the benefit of your views on the advisability of Negroes setting up their own separate institutions in industry, banking and the like. No doubt the topics will range with the interests of the students.

I have asked President Reed to arrange our Atlanta schedule. Perhaps when the time comes you will confer with her.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

Students Making Southern Tour 1937

Professor C.T. Loram, Chairman and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Race Relations, Yale University,

Mr. J.J. Ross, M.A. (Stellenbosch), Inspector of Schools, Orange Free State, South Africa,

Mr. H. McDowell, M.A. (Oxford), formerly of South Africa but now to enter the British Government Colonial Service,

Mr. B.J. Weston, M.A. (Cambridge), M.Sc. (South Africa), of the Agricultural Department of Cyprus,

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Mr. B. Rogers, M.A. (Yale), Supervisor of English, Yale-in-China Middle School, Changsha, China,

Mr. N.G.D. Joardar, M.A. (Calcutta and Oxford), Vice-principal, University of Lucknow, India.

March 11, 1937

16-10-46

My dear Mr. Loram:

I shall be very glad to welcome you to Atlanta University April 13 or 14, and to confer with you concerning the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and have a conference with your students. I shall confer with President Read.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
28 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

March 16, 1937

16-10-47

My dear Dr. Loram:

One complication about our conference here has arisen. Dr. Stokes wants me to be in New York on the twelfth* to see some of the representatives of the Foundations concerning possible appropriations for the Encyclopaedia. This would make me late returning to meet you. I am wondering if by any possibility you could come to Atlanta a little later in the week than you had planned. I am afraid this will not be possible as I know how difficult it is to arrange schedules such as you have. If I find that I can not be here, Dr. Logan will meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

*of April

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

March 18, 1937

16-10-48

My dear Dr. Loram:

The proposed meeting in New York April twelfth has been postponed so that I shall be here when you come.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

March 20, 1937

3/24/37

16-10-49

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of March 16. I am afraid we cannot alter our itinerary, but while we shall be very disappointed if you are not at Atlanta on either April 12, 13 or 14 we shall quite understand. In case a change in your plans is possible, may I say that one of our chief reasons for going to Atlanta rather than to Tuskegee was to meet you. I hope your hat will still fit you!

If we are not able to talk about the African part of the Encyclopaedia at Atlanta I hope you will visit us at Yale and give us here the interview we had hoped to have in your own cosy study.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

June 28, 1937

16-10-50

My dear Mr. Loram:

In making up my list of libraries with valuable collections of Africana I find I know nothing about the collections in South Africa. Could you write a short note telling me just what there is there in the line of library sources concerning the Negro?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

as from University of Colorado
Boulder Colo
July 6. 193)

16-10-51

Dear Dr du Bois,

Apart from the famous Mendelssohn Collection - perhaps the best collection of Africana in the world - at the Public Library Capetown, I do not know of any noteworthy collection. (Stop, am wrong) At the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg there is the famous Gubbins collection

All the universities have small collections but these two are outstanding. For details regarding them wrote to A.C. Lloyd, MA Librarian, Public Library, Capetown and The Librarian, Univ of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg S. Africa.

There is a reasonably good collection in the Library of the Houses of Parliament, Capetown (Paul Robbins, Librarian)

Yours sincerely
Charles T. Loram

ROBERT MORSS LOVETT
HULL HOUSE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 24, 1937

16-12-26

Dear Friend:

I am taking the liberty of writing you in the cases of Vincent Ferrero and Domenick Sallitto who are threatened with deportation and asking you to sign the enclosed petition to the Secretary of Labor. I have met and talked with both Ferrero and Sallitto and am convinced that they are as much victims of persecution under our laws as were Sacco and Vanzetti. The findings of the Immigration Service are an example of the prejudice which officials of that service persistently show toward aliens. The charge against Ferrero that "he wrote and published matter advising opposition to all organized government" is based on the fact that he held the corresponding address for an Italian paper, which discussed anarchism among other subjects, and which was discontinued long before his arrest. A charge against both is that they rented a room to the editor of a paper known as Man, which passes legally through the U. S. mail. Ferrero and Sallitto have been in this country respectively thirty and fifteen years and obviously constitute no danger to our institutions. If deported to Italy they will fall victims to the fascist terror under which Matteotti and Amendola suffered death. The courts have no power to review the facts as found by the agents of the Department of Labor. The only recourse is to ask the Secretary of Labor to use the discretion which has been benevolently exercised in other cases, and accordingly I am asking you to sign the enclosed petition to her, and return it to the Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Conference, P.O. Box 181, Station D, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Morss Lovett

RML: r

Social Work 1937

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

My dear Friends:

I have arrived in Atlanta at last after a seven months' journey. I remember with great pleasure the stop in Oakland and wish to express again my obligation for your hospitality.

My best regards to you and your son. Mrs. Du Bois and Yolande join me in good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Major and Mrs. Walter H. Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

251- Adams st. Oakland - Calif.

Social memo - 1937

Mar - 10 - 1937 -

16-18-24

Dear Dr Du Bois,

We have enjoyed hearing from you from time to time, but I have been disappointed that you have forgotten your promise to send me your photo - So this note is a gentle reminder - I gave Miss Green the books which you sent in our name - She was so pleased to have them and said she would write you in a day or so -

I was happy to hear that both Mrs Du Bois and Yolande are well - We are still planning on the Eastern trip and will look forward to seeing you somewhere during the summer -

With love to all from all of us -

Sincerely always / Edith H.

March 17, 1937

16-18-25

My dear Mrs. Loving:

I am sending herewith the photograph, and thank you for your kindness in delivering the books.

My best regards to the family and pleasant memories.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Edith Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

[1937] Saturday-

16-18-20

Dear Dr Du Bois, Social Menu 1937

Forgive the long delay in writing you to say how happy I was to have the very splendid photo of yourself - attribute the delay to anything but lack of appreciation and I'll agree with you -

We are all well and I still remember with pleasure your visit with us. Perhaps we shall see you this summer in New York - Dr Gordon wants us to go with them to Atlantic but I am not enthused over driving down there - Shall you be in New York during July? Do you recall having met a lady (english) by the name of Doris Anderson while here? She is to be in New York during the month of July and wants me to be there with her before she sails for England - I know she would enjoy seeing you again.

Now have you forgiven me for

waiting so long to acknowledge the receipt of your photo? You know how much I wanted it so I'm sure you will understand—

Maja and Walter are both well—Maja wants to know if you are still as swift—taking a bath as you used to be! Really I smile to myself many times—

Write us where you will be in July—Or do you want to see us again?

How are Mrs Du Bois and Yolande? also dear little Du Bois William. See I've remembered her name and thought often of the cute saying to her mother about "going some place away from her"—

All send love to you and think of me once in a while please.

Sincerely your friend—

Edith — (Loving)

June 28, 1937

16-18-1

My dear Edith:

I trust this will find you, the Major, and the boy well. I am spending the summer until the 24th of July here in Atlanta teaching summer school, and I will tell the world it is hot. I am not sure after this experience whether I shall have courage enough to return to the Grand Boule in August or not. At any rate I am going North in July and shall be at 210 west 150th Street, Apartment 3-A. I shall hope to hear from you and the Major there telling your plans for the summer. Mrs. Du Bois is well and sends regards to the family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Walter H. Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

April 6, 1937

Gentlemen:

16-10-30

Can you furnish me with the "Testimony taken by The Joint Select Committee to inquire into the Condition of Affairs in the Late Insurrectionary States" Alabama Volume One, Washington: Government Printing Office 1872? On the back it is marked "Ku.Klux Conspiracy, Number 8, Alabama, Part I. If so, what will it cost?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

W. H. Lowdermilk & Company
1418 F Street
Washington, D. C.

March 11, 1937

14-5-23

My dear Professor Labouret:

On two visits to Paris last summer I tried to get in contact with you both personally and by letter, but I understand that you were in Africa during this time. Perhaps you know something of our plan to edit and publish an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, but I wanted to talk with you personally and explain our proposal more at length.

During the summer I had several interviews with Dr. Westermann in Berlin, and I talked with Dr. Malinowski and Miss Brackett in London, Dr. De Cleene in Brussels, Dr. Frobenius in Germany, Professor von Eickstedt in Breslau, Professor Woelfel in Vienna, and Mlle. Homburger and Mr. Boyer in Paris. Our project still lacks the necessary financial backing but there seems to be good prospects for getting it. I want especially to have your sympathy and cooperation, and some contribution from your pen. Of course, these will be paid for.

Our general plan is to issue an Encyclopaedia in about four large volumes after four or five years of preparation and writing. The Encyclopaedia is to cover persons of Negro descent in North and South America and the West Indies, and in Africa, with of course some reference to the Negroid peoples of Asia and the South Seas. We aim at concise accurate and short articles rather than exhaustive essays. In America especially it seems to us necessary to fix as accurately as possible the present state of knowledge concerning the Negro race knowing that within ten or twenty years our knowledge will be greatly increased and a revised or new Encyclopaedia needed. But at present with regard to the Negro as to so many social subjects there is in America and elsewhere a curious mélange of tradition, prejudice, and scientific knowledge which makes it very difficult for the average citizen to know just what the present state of knowledge is. If we can fix that today with fair accuracy in an Encyclopaedia we think this will be of great importance not only to scientific workers but to the

formation of scientific opinion and as a basis for social reform and further scientific exploration.

I am enclosing some data which will show you the history of the movement and the names of some of the persons who have promised cooperation.

I should be glad to hear from you at your leisure, and secure if possible your sympathy and cooperation.

I am Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Le Dr. W.B. DUBOIS

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4/14/37

16-1-54

Cher Docteur Dubois,

Je suis heureux de vous accuser réception de la lettre que vous avez bien voulu m'écrire au sujet de "Encyclopaedia of the Negro".

Ainsi que je vous l'ai déjà exprimé dans ma dernière lettre, votre entreprises est assurée de ma sympathie et de ma collaboration dans la mesure de mes moyens.

Il est évident que cette collaboration devra porter sur les sujets qui me sont familiers, et parmi lesquels je vous signale : La Géographie et l'Histoire Ancienne des colonies françaises de l'Afrique Tropicale ; l'Enseignement et en particulier l'Enseignement des masses ; La médecine et l'hygiène ; le problème du Paysannat indigène ; Les grands travaux d'irrigation du Niger ; La colonisation et la production par l'indigène etc.

Je vous demande de votre côté de me faire savoir quels sont les sujets, en dehors de ceux-ci, que vous souhaiteriez me voir traiter.

Veuillez agréer, cher Docteur Dubois, l'expression de mes sentiments sincères.

H Labouret

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II

Etudes Symphoniques ..... *Schumann*

III

Prelude D flat ..... *Chopin*

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Etude C minor ..... *Chopin*

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Sonata in D minor for Violin and Piano... *Coleridge-Taylor*

Allegro

Larghetto

Allegro Vivo Con Fuoco

(*Mr. Beales and Miss Dewsnup*)

V

I'm Troubled in Mind ..... *Coleridge-Taylor*

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Mammy ..... *Dett*

Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child.. *Coleridge-Taylor*

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3/29/37

Fisk University,
Nashville, Tennessee,
March 26, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-7-31

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am planning to come to Atlanta on business during our Spring Vacation here, April 2 through April 10, and I should like to bring one of my graduate students in English, Mr. Leslie M. Collins, to interview you as part of his preparation for his thesis on "The Problems of the Negro American Scholar as Exemplified in the Works of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois." Several years ago one of our graduate students wrote a thesis on "Dr. W. E. B. DuBois as a Man of Letters", but Mr. Collins' thesis will have a very different emphasis as the title indicates.

Mr. Collins is a native of Louisiana, a graduate of Dillard University, Cum Laude, 1936, and is one of my most promising students. I should be grateful indeed if you could grant him an interview, or some two or three, during his visit there. He will be coming just to see you, and will doubtless stay in the Atlanta University graduate dormitory during his stay there. He has read all your works and has begun work on his thesis. He is eager for you to read what he has written already and to discuss the plan of his whole work with you. Dr. James Weldon Johnson, with whom he has had several conversations, has promised to give him a letter of introduction to you.

I am hopeful that you will be in the city part or all of the week we shall be there, and I should be grateful indeed for any time and attention

you may be able or disposed to grant Mr. Collins.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Lanier

E. A. Lanier.

16-7-32

P. S. Other theses in preparation by graduate students in English here this year are on the following subjects: "The Concept of Feminine Beauty in the Negro American Novel"; "The Minister of the Gospel in Negro American Literature"; "The Southern Gentleman in Negro American Literature"; "Utopian Thought in Negro American Literature"; "Naturalism in Negro American Literature"; and "The Works of George S. Schuyler - The Negro as Critic and Satirist."

16-12-21

1740 Dumnesnil Street
Louisville, Kentucky
September 29, 1937

Request for info 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am planning to make a study of the Negro in English Literature. My attempt will be to find out the attitude of the British writers towards the Negro and to notice what influence the advent of slavery into the British Empire had upon it. I hope to divide my work into two phases. The first division will comprise the years from the beginnings of English Literature to 1750. This part of the work I shall do to fulfill the requirement for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Indiana University. The second phase will begin with 1750 and end with the modern era.

I, however, would appreciate knowing the attitude of various scholars towards the problem. Would you kindly assist me in this matter by giving me your criticism as to whether you think the project will yield a distinct contribution to the study of English Literature and of Negro Life?

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Lawery

Robert S. Lawery

16-12-22

October 20, 1937

My dear Sir:

Answering your letter of September twenty-ninth I beg to say that the subject which you outline would be of considerable interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert S. Lawery
1740 Dumnesnil Street
Louisville, Kentucky

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November 12, 1937

Letters of Appreciation

16-13-28

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter in regard to my proposed study at Indiana University. Your criticism was very helpful to me, and I shall appreciate any additional suggestions that you may wish to make in the future.

I have my heart set on this work, and I do hope that I may do justice to it. I again thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Lawery

Robert S. Lawery

2 3 6 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia
May 27, 1937

Students

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

16-10-28

I have been recently awarded a full tuition and maintenance scholarship to the Cheney Institute of Race Relations which is being conducted under the sponsorship of the Friends' Service Committee. My acceptance of this scholarship is contingent upon my being able to earn enough during the month of June to pay my traveling expenses from Atlanta to the Institute and back.

I am writing this note to ask if there might be something that I might be able to do in connection with some research or other kind of project that you might happen to have on foot during the month of June. I shall be available beginning with Saturday, June 5th., until July 3rd.

I believe that the Cheney Institute would prove to be a continuation--a very valuable continuation--of our present course in Modern Race Problems. I shall greatly appreciate anything that you might be able to do for me in this connection.

Respectfully yours,

Chas. R. Lawrence Jr.

Charles R. Lawrence, Jr.

June 5, 1937

16-10-29

Memo to Mr. Lawrence:

I would very much like to have your services this summer, but regret to say that I see no way in which your pay could be arranged. It is possible that if you were here during the summer school that from time to time there might be something that you could do for me but I cannot make this definite enough to give you any real encouragement.

Mr. Charles R. Lawrence
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Adresse télégraphique: NATIONS GENEVE

1/37

SOCIETE DES NATIONS

Dans toute communication portant sur ce sujet prière de rappeler le No.
et d'adresser: M. le Secrétaire général de la Société des Nations, Genève.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

In any further communication on this subject please quote No. M.L. 1. 1937. XII.
and address to: The Secretary-General, League of Nations, Geneva.

16-4-05

HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Secretary-General of the League of Nations proposes to publish an English edition of the "Handbook of International Organisations" (Associations, Bureaux, Committees, etc.), the French edition of which was issued in May 1936.

The Secretariat desires, so far as possible, to include in the English edition any changes that may have occurred in the structure and composition of the organisations mentioned in this publication since the French edition appeared.

For this purpose, the enclosed notice, which, it will be observed, is a copy of that inserted in the 1936 edition, should be amplified or amended as the case may be.

If no change is required in its wording, the notice should merely be returned to the Secretariat (Section of International Bureaux) stating that it is approved.

As the publication in question is to be issued shortly, the Secretariat would be glad to have a reply at the earliest possible moment.

Geneva, January 25th, 1937.

Mr. W.E. Burghardt du Bois,
Pan-African Congress,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA.
Georgia.

16-4-06

February 11, 1937

Dear Sir:

Referring to No. M.L. 1. 1937. XII, I beg to return your note concerning the Pan-African Congress. I suggest the following changes: in the last line "A Congress is planned for 1938. Also the permanent secretary has become editor-in-chief of a projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro which will become a part of the work of the Congress."

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Secretary-General
League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

16-4-07

June 28, 1937

Sir:

A group of colored and white scholars in the United States assisted by numbers of other scholars in Europe are planning an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. I write to ask: first, what collections have you in books and materials in your office which would be of advantage to us for consultation? Is there a catalogue? Secondly, what persons or bureaus in your office have especially concerned themselves with the Negro race and what publications have you issued?

I had the honor of knowing the first director of your bureau before his untimely death.

I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Secretary, The International Labor Office
The League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

80-4-91

June 28, 1937

My dear Sirs

A group of scholars in America, composed of both colored and white people are doing preliminary work upon an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. I am enclosing some literature concerning it. I write to ask especially for data on two matters: first, what collections of books and material on conditions in Africa and among persons of Negro descent have been made by the League of Nations and where are they housed. Have any catalogues been issued? Secondly, what part of your organization outside the International Labor Office has dealt or is dealing especially with African problems, and what persons connected with the League of Nations are special experts in these matters?

I shall appreciate any information you can give me. I am, Sir,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Secretary-General
League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

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GENEVA, August 6th, 1937.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 28th, addressed to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, requesting data which the League may have bearing upon Africa and African questions, I have to reply as follows:

First, the Permanent Mandates Commission, an advisory body to the Council, examines each year annual reports of the mandatory Powers for territories in Africa, including Tanganyika, the Cameroons and Togoland under British mandate, the Cameroons and Togoland under French mandate, Ruanda-Urundi and South West Africa. You will find considerable material of possible interest to you in annual reports of the mandatory Powers for the above-mentioned territories and in the Minutes of the Permanent Mandates Commission. In these minutes you will also find a list of documents forwarded by the mandatory Powers to the League of Nations relating to the territories under mandate which are usually printed as annexes to these Minutes.

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In an accompanying annex, you will find the names of the members of the Permanent Mandates Commission and of the Advisory Committee on Slavery. A catalogue of published League documents can be procured from the League's publication agents in the United States: The Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York City.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin Gerig

For the Director, Information Section.

Dr. E.W.B. Du Bois,
Editor of "Encyclopaedia of the Negro",
Atlanta University,
Atlanta (Georgia).

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(signed) Benjamin Gerig

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

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[8-19-1937]

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Dans la réponse, prière de rappeler le:
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Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 28 June 1937 and to make the following reply to the questions contained therein :

(1) The Libraries of the League of Nations and the International Labour Office contain a large number of books, official reports, memoranda, etc. relating to countries inhabited by people of African race ; the collection of official and semi-official publications is particularly extensive. These works are catalogued in the Libraries, but the only published catalogue, of the existence of which I am aware, is a selected catalogue of works about territories under mandate, in Africa and elsewhere, issued by the League Library. In regard to the Library of the League of Nations, however, I would suggest that, if you have not already done so, you should correspond directly with the Librarian.

Whether it would be of advantage to you to arrange for consultation of the works in these Libraries is a difficult question. There is no doubt that the collections are in no way comparable with those available in the United States, London, Paris, etc. On the other

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Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
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ATLANTA.
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hand, the fact that these collections can be consulted in one place may be of advantage to you.

(2) African labour questions are dealt with by the Special Problems Section of the International Labour Office. Articles and information notes are published from time to time in the International Labour Review (monthly) and Industrial and Labour Information (weekly), while a yearly summary is published in the International Labour Office Year Book. The only reports issued by the Office relate to specific subjects on which action has subsequently been taken by the International Labour Conference in the form of International Labour Conventions : i.e. the "Grey" Reports on Forced Labour and on Recruiting of Labour.

Should you desire specimen copies of the periodical publications or copies of the two reports just mentioned , I would suggest that you should communicate with the International Labour Office Correspondent in the United States : Mr. L. MAGNUSSON, Branch Office of the International Labour Office, 734 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

Yours sincerely,

C.W.H. Weaver

C.W.H. WEAVER,
Chief of the Special Problems Section.

5/5/37

RAYFORD W. LOGAN
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Paid 5/5/37

Received of Rayford W. Logan the sum of six dollars thirty cents for stenographic service in preparing the material for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

16-13

May 3, 1937

Carrie J. Leigh

Request to read manuscript

October 7, 1937

16-6-10

Memo to Miss Lemon:

I think your story is a good one. It might be improved in style and ways of putting it. It is a bit conventional in its morality but there is there the basis of a good tale.

Miss Elizabeth E. Lemon
Oglethorpe School
Atlanta, Georgia

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19th May, 1937.

16-1-58

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
ATLANTA,
Ga. U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo and of the circulars enclosed therewith relating to the intended publication of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I do not know in what way you desire me to offer proofs of my sympathy and co-operation in this publication. As far as subscribing to it when it does appear, I should imagine the Library of this University would undoubtedly acquire a copy, and might possibly be induced to subscribe in advance therefor, should this be desired. On that point you might communicate with the Librarian, J.W. Jagger Library, University of Cape Town.

As far as my collaboration in any of the articles in the Encyclopaedia might be concerned, I should be prepared to consider any definite suggestions which you might make in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G.P. Lestrade

PROFESSOR OF BANTU LANGUAGES.

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School of African Studies University of Cape Town

19th May, 1937

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Atlanta University
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Yours faithfully,

signed G. P. Lestrade

Professor of Bantu Languages

5J:226 West 150th Street
New York, N. Y.
June 27th, 1935

16-13-40

Mr. Burdette G. Lewis
850 East 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I have not run across the specific incident in the Western Reserve which you mentioned. But it is quite likely that it took place. Of course, even in the eighteenth century there were proposals for freeing the slaves.

Very truly yours,

WEBDuB/s

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois

FRANCES E. LEWIS
125 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 28, 1937.

16-18-5

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I wrote Mrs. Du Bois a short while ago asking her if she could help me locate the first number of the "Crisis". I have kept the magazine since the beginning as I thought, until you ceased to be the editor in 1934. I decided to give my copies to the Boston Athenaeum Library to be bound and kept for historical purposes. I found that owing to moving around during the past 25 years I had a few copies missing. After consulting my friends and writing the office of the Association I have secured every copy but the first number Nov. 1910. Mrs. Du Bois informed me that perhaps you had more than one copy of that number and you might be willing to part with it because of its destination.

I find people who have kept their

files and of course do not want to break them. If you have not one to spare perhaps you can advise me where I might secure one. I am quite ready to pay for it if it can be secured. May I ask you for an early answer. I have enjoyed the accounts of your world trip as have been published in the Pittsburg Courier and I am glad you shared your knowledge and observations with the public because they were valuable.

Respectfully yours,

Eva Lewis

March 3, 1937

My dear Miss Lewis:

1618 Thank you for your kind letter of February 28. I am sorry to say that I have no copy of the first number of the "Crisis" except the copy which is bound in with my only first volume. I do not know where you can find it, but if I do get word of one I shall hasten to let you know.

I am glad to know you are well, and assure you that I have had a most delightful trip.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Frances E. Lewis
125 Garden Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Nov. 15, 1937

MRS. RAYMOND D. LITTLE COVINGTON LOUISIANA

16-12-89

My dear Dr. Dubois:

It was with great surprise and profound sadness that I read your article in the Pittsburgh Courier of Oct. 30 —

I am grieved that you were willing to report an event which obviously you had not sufficient interest to investigate; for if you had you would have found it to be untrue —

What the motive of your informer could have been will always be a mystery but what is so astonishing is that you should have been so eager to believe —

I have always had the greatest esteem for your ability and intellectual qualities, and more than that I have admired your constructive attitude regarding the development and progress of your race. I have thought many times

of our talks in the old New York days with my dear friend Louis Mathews. I did not find then the bitterness which I detect in the author of this article in the Pittsburgh Courier and I admit that it grieves me very deeply.

I was sent to Nashville last December to make arrangements for the first Public meeting of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís, to be held in a Southern city. This work was done with consultation and cooperation of the members of the Bahá'í Faith in that city, and for your information the majority of these members are of your race.

On Jan. 12. 1934 a Public meeting was held in the Ball Room of the Hermitage Hotel and both races were present. Later in March another meeting was held at the Hermitage Hotel and both races were present. And I might state that this was the first time in a conservative Hotel in a Southern city that both races were represented. And is a proof that the Spirit which motivates the Bahá'í Faith has the power to overcome prejudice of all kinds.

MRS. RAYMOND D. LITTLE COVINGTON LOUISIANA

The Bahá'í Faith is the spirit of the Creative Word for this day and is for all mankind. Its effect is limited only by the capacity of its recipients of this Word. Its aims are clearly to herald a new World Order, but only through the Spirit of love can this be accomplished. It does not admit the limitations of the color line or nationality, or creed; nor does it claim to limit the human race to one social plane; but rather it aims to reach the hearts of all men, and regenerate them so that a true and real brotherhood will be established. In order that all will share in the building of this new world consciousness. It is a mighty goal to be achieved, but we who are the followers of Bahá'u'lláh believe that it will be done. In this inspired plan there are no personal feelings of prejudice or self centered superiority complexes; all these things are

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to be forgotten, nay the knowledge of this supreme fact which joins all mankind in a common task, which is to build and to destroy - No sacrifice can be too great for the attainment of such a goal —

I hope, my dear Dr. Dubois, that you will acknowledge this letter, in which I have tried to give you facts, which you were not aware, I have done this for your sake as well as for the sake of the Cause I serve —

With every good wish -

Sincerely

Marion McLitta

December 1, 1937

16-12-65

My dear Mrs. Little:

I did not comment on the new Baha'i race attitude with pleasure but rather with sorrow. I have your letter and I have talked with Mr. Gregory. You and Mr. Gregory disagree on one point. Mr. Gregory admits that there was a meeting of the Baha'i at the hotel in Nashville but says that colored people were not invited because it was a private meeting. I knew, of course, that there were some meetings to which colored people were invited but I should not have taken exception even if there had been a private meeting. I can conceive many reasons why this should take place but I cannot conceive any reason why openly, publicly and suddenly this should be erected into a fixed policy of the Baha'i movement with the highest sanction. Nothing that either of you have said alters to my mind the essential fact that in the year 1937 of all years it was necessary for the spiritual head of the Baha'i movement to put down in black and white a sanction for race separation based on color such as the Baha'i had never had before. I can well believe there have been reasons for race distinctions in the practical conduct of the Baha'i movement. But why now must that be set down in black and white as a code of procedure? What change has taken place recently that has made this necessary? Of course I am convinced that a change has taken place and the change is this: Mr. Holley and others and your leaders are convinced that they cannot make headway with certain people in the South unless they draw the color line and they have, therefore, induced Shoghi Effendi openly to draw this line. I think as I have said before that this is nothing less than a shame for this otherwise promising movement.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Raymond D. Little
Covington
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16-7-9

Lectures 1937

Telephone SPring 7-2386

May 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In my history class I have been introducing my children to the gross distortion of history of the Reconstruction Period as depicted in textbooks.

Would it be possible for you to come and address the class on "The Truth of the Reconstruction Period"?

I make this request with some hesitation, knowing that you are a busy man and can hardly be expected to address a group of 35 twelve year olds. If you are unable to do it, will you please suggest someone who might. An alternative subject might be a discussion of the Pulitzer Prize novel "Gone With the Wind", with emphasis on the Reconstruction as distorted in that book.

Sincerely,

Norman Studer

May 28, 1937

16-7-10

My dear Mr. Studer:

Answering your letter of May 8, I beg to say that I spend most of the year in teaching here at Atlanta Univer ity and I am only in New York now and then and on vacation. I regret, therefore, that I can ot serve you in accordance with your kind letter of May 8.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Norman Studer
The Little Red School House
196 Bleecker Street
New York City

February 10, 1937

My dear President Trent:

I beg to say in answer to your letter of November 5, 1936, that I could speak at your college Friday, April 23, 1937. The charge would be fifty dollars. May I hear from you at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. J. Trent
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

15-28-82

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SALISBURY, N. C.

February 23, 1937

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15-28-83

Doctor W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10th concerning your engagement here at the college. If the date of April 23rd suits your convenience best, as stated in your letter, we will settle on that date. We shall look forward with very much interest to your coming.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Trent

W. J. Trent, President

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LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

SALISBURY, N. C.

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April 8, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-28-84

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In a previous letter to me you stated that you could be with us on April 23. We find that a number of matters here in our college program would conflict with this date. In order to get the best results, I am asking if you could give us some date during the week following April 23. We would appreciate very much your immediate reply in reference to this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Trent

W. J. Trent, President

WJT:nw

Telegram:- "April 27 or May 3 will answer"

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W. E. B. Du Bois

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W J TRENT.

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15-28-87

April 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Trent:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak at Livingstone College Monday, May third.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President W. J. Trent
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Jan 13,1937

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

16-6-02

Dear Logan:

I have your second inquiry about the Encyclopedia list. I have looked it over, and so far as I can see, it is very exhaustive. I have almost no suggestions; except care to define clearly the basis of the "Negro" claim to many of the items in the Hansberry African outline. It seems to me that excessive claims on these lines will react unfavorably against the more solid traditional lines of Negro history. The cultural rather than the straight [redacted] ethnic claim ought to be relied on, and some quite authoritative ethnological and ethonographic sources consulted. Mr. Allison Davis and Mr. [redacted] Louis King are accredited young ethnologists, one with the imprimatur of Boas and the other that of Hooton and Warner Lloyd. I would impress you with the significance of this; and its importance to and Dr. DuBois the academic standing of the work in this field.

With usual personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alain Locke

Mr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University.

January 19, 1937

My dear Dr. Locke:

Thank you very much for your good letter of January thirteenth and its suggestions for compiling a definitive list of topics that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should contain. Your observations will receive the very careful consideration of Dr. Du Bois.

16-5.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Alain Locke
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Locke:

I found your letter of November 30, 1936, concerning my booklet on my return to my desk. May I ask you to return my manuscript at your earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Alain Locke
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

February 5, 1937

16-5-07

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am very much pleased to learn that an Encyclopedia of the Negro is in process of preparation. I am afraid I shall not be able to be of any great assistance to you as I have been away from Latin America for many years and have not kept in correspondence with any considerable number of scholars in that part of the world. I can think of only one name to suggest: Señor Doctor Don Vicente Lecuna, Caracas, Venezuela. Doctor Lecuna, I am sure, will be able to suggest the proper name for his country. If you are not in correspondence with Doctor Percy Martin of Stanford University, you ought to write to him. He could suggest a larger number of names than anyone else in the country. I suggest also the name of Doctor G. M. McBride of this institution.

I wish you the best of success in your venture.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph B. Lockey

JBL:sm

Joseph B. Lockey

R. W. Logan

January 1, 1937.

Received of W. E. B. Du Bois (Phelps-Stokes Fund) fifty and no/100 dollars ($50.00).

Rayford W. Logan.

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 7, 1937

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My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Welcome home and thanks for your Christmas greeting from Japan.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my latest report to Dr. Stokes. You will notice that he requested me to suggest to you that you personally inform Mr. Embree of the progress that has been made and of the plan of Dr. Stokes to endeavor to obtain in the spring the necessary support for the proposed Encyclopaedia.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

P. S. On January 5, I sent Mrs. Du Bois a check from Harcourt Brace in the amount of $89.77.

Mrs. Rachel Davis Du Bois asked me to send you her new address: 439 West 123 Street, New York City and her telephone number - University 4-0845- so you may know where to get in touch with her in New York.

Mrs. Mabelle Williams writes that the Y. W. C. A. wishes the lecture subject: The World in 1937

F. I. D.

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Encyclopaedia of Negro

January 12, 1937

16-5-01

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with your suggestion that a small sum be allowed certain specialists I have promised a total of $120.00 to scholars in Puerto Rico, Colombia, Hayti, Brazil, Argentine, and Cuba. It seems advisable to ask the cooperation of eight other Latin-American specialists to each of whom a minimum of fifteen dollars should be offered. Before doing so, however, I should like to be sure that you have not allocated a part of the research fund of $250.00 and that you have no objection to the expenditure of approximately all of this fund on Latin-America.

If we can secure the cooperation of these specialists, we should have a pretty complete list of Latin-America. There would remain, however, the smaller islands of the Caribbean.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In my opinion the list of suggested subjects is a splendid beginning which needs only working over and some additions to be put into definitive form. The need for additions is particularly evident in the section on Latin America.

16-13-1

Since my suggestions are rather numerous, I have placed them on the mimeographed forms with the purpose of discussing them with you at length. In addition, I have many topics that I believe should be added.

I believe that it would be advisable to go through the two volumes of Social Science Abstracts that I have not been able to complete and through all of the volumes of the International Bibliography of Historical Sciences for topics and specialists. These latter volumes would require work by some one able to read French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 8, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Since M. Dantès Bellegarde, Port au Prince, Haiti, has completed the work for which I promised him the sum of ten dollars upon your return, I should appreciate it if you would send him a check in that amount at your early convenience.

16-13.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 17, 1937

Memo to Dr. Logan:

I want to prepare as soon as possible:

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a. a list of those who answered our request for criticism of the proposed Encyclopaedia subjects divided into classes, that is, those who did not have time to examine the lists, those who made general statements, and those who sent in specific criticisms and subjects.

b. a revised list of subjects embodying the criticisms and suggestions.

c. a revised list of persons approving the project and expressing a willingness to cooperate.

I should be glad to have a conference with you as soon as possible on these matters.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
February 19, 1937

16-5-18

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

Herewith three letters that should be filed with the correspondence of the Encyclopaedia. Do you wish to answer those from Professor Lockey and from Mr. Morris?

I am also sending herewith the Bibliography of the West Indies (Excluding Jamaica) which Mr. Morris was good enough to send me. Although out of date, it appears to be quite valuable.

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

3/4/37

Dr. DuBois:
Have you answered those from Professor Lockey & Mr. Morris?
RWL

February 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

16-13-3

Dr. Robert E. Park is going to be at Atlanta University Friday afternoon and night and Saturday morning. Can you arrange to join me in conference with him?

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 3, 1937

Received from Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois the sum of fifty dollars for assisting with the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro during the month of February, 1937.

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

16-13

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 4, 1937

16-5-21

From : Dr. Logan

To: Dr. Du Bois

Subject: Encyclopaedia

I have made a first incorporation of the suggestions received for the proposed Encyclopaedia.

I am working on the incorporation of the topics based on my own research.

In order to complete this phase of the work it might be well for you to send another follow-up letter to

Mr. William Anthony Aery
Dr. Franz Boas
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Miss Catherine Latimer
Miss Florence Read

I am returning herewith the correspondence with them. Miss Diggs has a copy of the follow-up letter that I sent to them. (Letter of January 7, 1937)

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 4, 1937

6-2-59

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

After a careful reading of the proposed request to the acting-President and Trustees of Atlanta University with reference to a "Negro Social Science Review" I am prepared to sign the statement and willing to lend whatever assistance I can.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent: Memo to the President of the Phelps-Stokes Fund regarding the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro

March 15, 1937

16-13-4

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Mr. Reid and I are trying to arrange a conference with Charles S. Johnson of Fisk concerning a "Negro Journal of Social Science". We are proposing April third or fourth in Birmingham. Reid will be there at that time, and I shall drive up with you if you can go. Can you?

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P. S. Mr. Stokes has asked me to come North to meet with representatives of two of the boards April 12.

March 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Please read and return the enclosed letter, especially the paragraph marked on page 2. Do you think we can have the dummy by the thirtieth?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

March 25, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

The dummy will be ready for April 30th in so far as our material here will permit.

In order to make it as complete as possible I should like to offer the following suggestions.

1) Have Dr. Westermann submit a list of the most important individuals--say about one hundred--in the history of Africa

2) Allow space for biographies as follows: Brazil, 50; Cuba, 50; Santo Domingo, 10; Jamaica, 20; Porto Rico, 20; Colombia, 40; Venezuela, 30; Panama, 25; Mexico, 12; Central America, 12; Paraguay, 2; Uruuguay, 2; Argentina, 4; Chile, 4; Bolivia, 3; Ecuador, 2; Peru, 15; Virgin Islands, 5; Martinique, 10; Guadaloupe, 10; Other British West Indies, 15; Dutch West Indies, 5; Swedish West Indies, 2. These could be labeled by the name of the country in their alphabetical order with the subtitle, biography.

3) Include the statements of Pattee, Ortiz, Ramos, Bellegarde, Valle, and some of the North American scholars in the field of Latin American history with those of the European scholars

It is very gratifying to know that Dr. Stokes approves the work that has been done. I am returning his letter herewith.

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P.S. I am also returning letters from Drs. Oldham, Malinowski Wölfel Westermann, Homburger and Frobenius & McMillan. I took a copy of Dr. Westermann's list to aid in the preparation of the dummy.

R.W.L.

April 7, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

16-13-7

I must be out of town the latter part of the last week in April in order to join Dr. Stokes in making an assault upon the Foundations in New York. I am wondering if you could find on any of the following dates time to lecture to two of my classes. I hope this will not be asking too much:

Chronetwo !

Friday, April 23 - 11:40
Monday, April 26 - 11:40
Tuesday, April 27 - 2:45
Wednesday, April 28 - 11:40
Thursday, April 29 - 2:45
Friday, April 30 - 11:40
Monday, May 3 - 11:40

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 12, 1937

16-3-8

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Here is a letter from Dr. Park which I am sure you would like to see. Kindly return after reading it. Can we have one or more consultations this week on the matter of the dummy?

Any day except
M. W F @ 11:50
T Th @ 2:45-5

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 22, 1957

16 4 13-9

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Mr. Logan has kindly offered to speak to my class on the Sociology of the American Negro consisting of seven members, seniors and graduate students, on Monday, April 26 at 11:40 and Monday, May 3 at 11:40 on the 14 and 15th Amendments.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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6-5-36

April 28, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am suggesting the following ideas which you may want to keep in mind in presenting the enclosed materials to interested persons.

No attempt has been made to construct a complete bibliography for the various items. The effort has been made, however, to indicate: first, the quality of the material available; and second, the sufficiency of that material.

I am enclosing also a partial bibliography for some of the countries of Latin-America. We have on hand a sufficiently lengthy list for all of the countries of Latin-America.

You will recall that your last idea was to the effect that the materials should be made to fit into four volumes. In addition to the topics given in the accompanying list of subjects something like one hundred and fifty biographical sketches for Africa and a number for each of the Latin-American countries that will depend upon the importance of the Negro's role in the respective countries.

You may want to recall that we have been promised the assistance of the following scholars in Latin-America for the choice of topics and for the writing of the articles: Cuba, Dr. Fernando Ortiz; Haiti, M. Dantes Bellegarde; Porto Rico, Professor Richard Pattee; Jamaica, Mr. Frank Cundall promised to criticize list after compilation. He is now seriously ill. He would probably suggest some one; Colombia, Professor Gabriel Troconis; Mexico and Central America, Rafael Heliodoro Valle. We have the names of one or more specialists in each of the Latin-American countries.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York City
New York

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 29, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

Mrs. Johnson went to sleep Wednesday afternoon. Consequently, she did not complete the work although I have had an additional typist since last week.

16-13-10

I am sending herewith the rest of the material.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
New York, New York

May 6, 1937

My dear Mr. Logan:

May I thank you very much for your kindness for taking two of my classes during my absence. They enjoyed you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

June 4, 1937

16-13-12

Memo to Mr. Logan:

I want to thank you very much for your cooperation with me. This is the last regular check I shall be able to spare but I hope I can still have your cooperation, and that during the year 1937-1938 I shall be able to raise more funds for payment.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 7, 1937

16-13-13

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

My work as research aid in the preparatory work of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro has been a most interesting and enjoyable experience. It is a privilege for any one to have the opportunity of working with you. If any further work needs to be done, let the successful completion of our job be your only concern.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
June 7, 1937

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Memo to Dr, Du Bois:

According to my judgment of the importance of the articles not included in the typed list I suggest the following distribution:

Long articles			350	pages	280,000 words
42	"	to total	500	"	400,000
10	"	@ 4,800 w	60	"	48,000
257	"	@ 2,400 w	771	"	616,800
166	"	@ 1,600 w	332	"	265,600
200	"	@ 800 w	200	"	160,000
1,140	"	to total	387	"	309,600
Index			200	"	160,000
			2,800	"	2,240,000

The ten biographies that I consider of paramount importance are:

Christophe
Dessalines
Douglass
Dunbar
Heureaux
Lincoln
Louverture
Maceo
Pushkin
Washington, Booker T.

Rayford W. Logan

41/12/2

June 10, 1937

41/12F/98

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
In care of the Colored Y.M.C.A.
Twelfth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Logan:

If you have time won't you go and look at the Daniel Murray Collection. If it is worth anything we might be able to offer $1,000 for it. Originally Mrs. Murray wanted $5,000 or $10,000. Get an idea of its worth if you can. If you have not time on this trip, perhaps you can do it later in the summer.

With best regards,

Very sincerely,

WEBDuB
RLH

June 17, 1937

16-13-14

Memo to Mr. Logan:

Could Mr. Logan drop in and see me Monday or Tuesday at any time between three and five p. m.?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 19, 1937

16-13-15

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with your request I made an examination of the Murray Collection in Washington at the home of Mrs. Anna Murray, 934 S Street, N. W.

1. There are no books in the collection except a few scrap books the most important of which is a collection of the cartoons of Nast.

2. There are some seven hundred manuscripts which Mr. Murray had prepared for his proposed encyclopaedia. I read that on Saint George. It showed considerable research, but was not documented for some of the most important points.

3. There are "about 120,000 cards" which seem to form the basis of the collection. These cards are very much like those used by students in gathering material for a dissertation, but are probably 2x4. Many of them are written, in ink, on both sides. In many instances the source of the information is given neither at the upper right hand corner nor at the end of the material. It would be impossible, of course, to estimate the real value of the whole collection without a very substantial sampling.

4. Mrs. Murray asks sixty thousand dollars for the three items listed above.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

June 26, 1937

16-13-16

Memo to Mr. Logan:

In making up my list of libraries where material on the Negro can be found, do you know of any collections of Africana in the West Indies, Mexico, South America, and in Italy, Spain and Portugal? If you do let me have a note.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Note

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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June 30, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

The most important documentary collection in Europe dealing with the Negro is the Archives of the Indies which, before the present Spanish Civil War, were in the cities of Simancas, Madrid, and Seville. Some of these have been calendared, notably in the Hispanic American Historical Review, III,292-332 and IV, 559; and in Roscoe R. Hill, Descriptive Catalogue of the Documents Relating to the History of the United States in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba. These compilations will greatly facilitate the search for documents pertaining to the Negro.

For slavery in the French colonies one should consult series Lk9 and Lk12 in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, and DXXV56 and DXXV 110 in the Archives Nationales. The very valuable Cahiers de doléances de la colonie de Saint-Domingue were published for the first time in 1933. I have a copy.

Herbert C. Bell and David W. Parker have compiled a Guide to British West Indian Archive Materials in London and in the Islands for the History of the United States. M. S. Giuseppi has described the contents of the British Public Record Office in his Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the British Record Office. The most important is that dealing with the slave trade**Series F. O. 84. There has also been published a List of Colonial Office Records, Preserved in the Public Record Office, supplemented by the Catalogue of Additions to the Manuscripts in the British Museum. Richard Pares has decribed the "Public Records in British West India Islands" in the Institute of Historical Research Bulletin, VII (February, 1930), 149-157. Norman Fee has prepared a Catalogue of Pamphlets, Journals and Reports in the Public Archives of Canada,1611-1867.

In Portugal the present national archives, the counterpart of the British Record Office, are described by Azevedo and Baião in O Archivo da Torre do Tombo.

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Mexico began in 1930 an analysis of her archives in the Boletin del Archivo General de la Nación. Señor Rafael Heliodoro Valle will aid us in this.

For Argentina the Boletín del Instituto de Investigaciones Historicas has been publishing indexes to the archives.

In Brazil the Publicações do Archivo Nacional, XIII, 5-124, gives a gneral indications of the materials in the national archives.

Vergaray y Velasco has indexed the national archives of Colombia in Republica de Colombia, indice analítico, metódico y descriptivo which covers only the period 1544-1819.

There is a short appraisal, but no catalogue, of the materials in the national archives of Paraguay in Juan F. Perez, Los Archivos de la Asunción.

The Revista del Archivo Nacional del Perú has been publishing a description of the contents.

The Boletín del Archivo Nacional is publishing archival indexes for Venezuela

For France the most valuable guides are Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France: Université de Paris et universités des départements; for the Bibliothèque Nationale, Catalogue général des manuscrits français.

One should also consult the Manoel de Oliveira Lima Mss. in the Catholic University, Washington, and the very important collection of Braziliana at Duke University.

Rayford W. Logan

July 9, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

This is the final correction made by our helpers. Please look it over carefully and make any suggestions. I at first thought that the whole of it or part of it should be copied. But as I see it I am not sure that this is necessary. It would be rather costly and take some time. What do you think?

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

July 12, 1937

16-13-18

Memo to Mr. Logan

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just received from Carleton Beals.

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

July 19, 1937

Memo to Dr. Du Bois:

16-13-19

With reference to the difficulties encountered by Negroes who wish to enter Mexico, it is pertinent to note that the Ley de Migración y Reglamento as published in 1934 does not contain, so far as I have been able to find, any specific exclusion of Negroes. I refer especially to Articles 47-48, 51-60. I suggest that the Mexican government be asked to specify the article that excludes Negroes.

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

October 2, 1937

16-2-20

My dear Mr. Logan:

I shall want your services for the Encyclopaedia for the remainder of 1937 and for 1938. My funds for 1937 are rather curtailed and I am going to offer you a mere nominal stipend of $25.00 a month beginning with the month of October*. This is not pay but it will compensate for walking across the campus and postage. For 1938 I shall have to calculate later.

There are two jobs that I have in mind either one of which you might do. I think probably the best thing would be a systematic working over and criticism of our list of subjects. Perhaps we might send out through this office a questionnaire on "what subjects would you seek for primarily in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro," and perhaps you can suggest other matters. The second would be a definition of Negro. I think probably we could do this best in this office as it is chiefly a matter of correspondence.

I shall be glad to talk with you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

* Thru' December.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 7, 1937

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I shall be happy to serve you again in connection with the Encyclopaedia of the Negro according to the terms of your letter of October 2.

In addition to the matters mentioned in your letter I might try to complete the list of important documentary collections. I made a number of interesting discoveries this summer. It might be possible for me to find also some references for those items for which there are none in the compiled list.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-13-21

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 12, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-13-22

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

At the close of summer school last July I personally carried to your office for safe keeping the box containing all of the material connected with the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro that was in my possession.

It is obvious that I would not have asked for the material until I had been specifically requested to resume work on the Encyclopaedia. This you did in your letter of October 2 which I received on October 5. I came in and talked with you about the Encyclopaedia on October 7. At the conclusion of our talk I asked Miss Diggs for the box that I had left with her in July. To date the box has not been found.

The only explanation that I can offer is the possibility that the box which Miss Diggs gave to Cochran, the janitor, about a week ago is the box in question.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Rayford W. Logan

October 12, 1937

16-13-23

Memo to Mr. Logan:

This is merely for your information. It was sent in yesterday.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

November 3, 1937

16-13-24

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

During the month of October I worked on the compilation of a brief bibliography for the topics in the Encyclopaedia for which I had none. I went over the list of topics for omissions and corrections. I began a careful analysis of Paullin and Paxson's Guide to the Materials in London Archives for the History of the United States since 1783. This Guide goes to only 1860. My research assistant in Washington has been allowed to consult the manuscript list which Miss Grace Gardner Griffin of the Congressional Library has compiled for the period 1860-1870. Both of these examinations revealed topics and documentary sources for important items.

During the month of November I propose to continue work as indicated above. In addition I hope to start on the materials in the National Archives. For example, I have learned that there are several thousand cubic feet there on pensions paid to Negro soldiers.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

November 22, 1937

Memo to Mr. Logan:

We will want to have in Washington for the meeting Saturday the latest revision of our list of subjects. Will you take that manuscript along with you?

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

December 17, 1937

16-13-26

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Bearer, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, is assisting in the project of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro to be published in four volumes with the assistance of the leading historians, social scientists, and anthropologists of the United States and Europe. Any facilities that may be open to Dr. Logan or any assistance given him will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Editor-in-Chief

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

(Howard H. Long)

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IN CHARGE OF RESEARCH
DIVISIONS 10-13

January 7, 1937

16-5-57

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

This brings you my response to your letter with reference to the Encyclopaedia edited by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. I have taken the privilege of getting the reactions of my colleagues, Mr. A. Kiger Savoy, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Schools, and Miss Anna R. Johnson, Research Assistant. The following topics impress us as of possible interest. I believe they have not been included. If, however, their inclusion is contemplated under some heading already provided, then that is quite all right.

(1) The control of Negro education, public and private.

(2) Study of educational adjustment problems. You are aware of the delinquency rate among Negroes, a very vital, pressing problem which it seems to me ought not to be ignored.

(3) Intelligence of Negroes.

(4) Negroes in areas covered and not covered by compulsory education laws.

(5) Compulsory education laws in the South. This would include problems of children attending and not attending schools.

(6) Appropriations for Negro schools from city, state, and national governments.

(7) Length of school terms.

(8) Technological schools for Negroes.

(9) Recreational facilities.

(10) Under former schools for Negroes which are now merged as a single unit, it seems to me there have been some important omissions, for instance, the schools which merged to form Dillard, those which merged to form Virginia Union University, etc. It seems to me that this topic needs a good deal of working over so as to cover the ground adequately.

(11) Under professional schools, schools of social service are of real importance. In this category there should be included also schools of law, schools of music, etc.

(12) Rating agencies for Negro schools ought to be discussed, particularly the college rating agencies.

(13) Under philanthropy or a kindred notion should be discussed the scholarships from Negro organizations, fraternities, sororities, etc.

(14) Somewhere it seems to me there should be a discussion of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools.

16-5-58

(15) I am not sure that I understand why lynching should be included in this agenda, but if it is, then the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Tuskegee should be a matter of record.

(16) The role of Negro history in the Negro school curriculum.

(17) The fight to purge school literature of derogatory statements regarding Negro life and experience.

(18) Do you have in mind making a brief record of the contribution to the educational scheme of the Negro of such outstanding men as Booker T. Washington, and W. E. B. DuBois. The controversy between these two educational statesmen in my judgment has greatly influenced the course of Negro education in the United States.

(19) Vocational surveys of Negro schools. Vocational education for Negroes is of sufficient importance as to claim an outstanding place.

(20) Finally, may I be pardoned if I suggest that some of the public school systems of outstanding cities might receive some detailed descriptions as contributions to the pattern of urban education of Negroes in the United States. I think of Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Washington as examples.

I shall from time to time try to jot down notes on this general field if it is agreeable to you, and maybe later on I shall have further suggestions to give.

Please accept my thanks for the opportunity to make these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Howard H. Long

Howard H. Long
Assistant Superintendent

HHL/T

January 12, 1937

My dear Dr. Long:

On behalf of Dr. Du Bois permit me to thank you and your colleagues, Mr. A. Kiger Savoy and Miss Anna R. Johnson, for your letter of January seventh in which you were good enough to give me constructive criticisms for improving the suggested list of topics dealing with education that the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat. I note also your further interest expressed in your willingness to suggest additional topics. This final spirit of cooperation is very encouraging to Dr. Du Bois and to those associated with him.

Very sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Howard Long
Henry Wilson School Building
Seventeenth Street near Euclid
Washington, D. C.

Enc of the Negro

16-5-16

February 17, 1937

My dear Professor Loram:

During the summer while on my trip around the world, I took occasion to get in touch with a number of anthropologists and students of the social sciences. I talked with Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Westermann of the University of Berlin, Professor Eickstedt of the University of Breslau, Professor Woelfel of Vienna, and Professor Homburgher and M. Paul Boyer in Paris. I was also in correspondence with Professor Leo Frobenius. All of these expressed interest in the work and willingness to cooperate. I have also written Professor Macmillan of Oxford who is a South African.

I should be very glad to have from you a list of South African scientists who would be suitable for cooperating in this work. I understand that John Dubbey has his doctor's degree from the University of South Africa. If this is true I shall write him, and I should be glad to have any other names you have in mind.

I think we can go before the Foundations this spring with the statement that most of the best authorities on Africa and the Negro race are in favor of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and willing to work with this project. We have received cooperation in the criticism of the tentative list which I sent out: some persons criticizing in detail, others giving a general criticism, and others unable to give the time for careful examination. I have working with me in the office Dr. Rayford W. Logan who just received this spring his doctor of philosophy in history from Harvard. Cooperating with us are the majority of the young Negro doctors of philosophy from the leading universities during the last ten years.

I have been in correspondence with Dr. Robert E. Park and he is coming to Atlanta in the near future for consultation and survey of the work, and planning of the work yet to be done.

I should be glad to have from you any information or advice on any point.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor C. T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

YALE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

February 23, 1937

3/1/37

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-10-40

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I was glad to learn from your letter of February 17 that you had had a profitable trip round the world and that the prospects for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro were so encouraging.

Among the South Africans who might be able to cooperate are the following:

1. Dr. John Dube, Ohlange Institute, Phoenix, Natal, South Africa. One of the most encouraging events in race matters in South Africa is that recently the University of South Africa awarded the honorary Ph.D. degree to this outstanding South African Native. My personal opinion is that his good will and general interest might be of more value than any actual scientific contribution.

2. Mr. D.D.T. Jabavu, B.A., South African Native College, Fort Hare, Alice C.P. Mr. Jabavu is probably the leading South African Native today. He could represent the African's point of view on most matters, but personally I think he could write best on the political and possibly the educational situations.

3. Mr. Z.K. Matthews, M.A., LL.B., of the South African Native College will probably have obtained his Yale Ph.D. by the time we are ready to engage writers. We at Yale are proud of the fact that a fellow member of our seminar has been appointed a member of the British Government's Commission to study the higher education of Native Africans in Uganda. Mr. Matthew's thesis will be in the field of Law.

4. Mr. D. Mtimkulu, M.A., Adams College, Adams M.S., Natal, another Yale Ph.D.-to-be, could write adequately on the Mission Reserves and also on Native Education. His present address (till July) is Institute of Education, University of London, Southampton Row, London, England.

5. Dr. A. Abdurahman, M.D., Capetwwn, South Africa, was (and probably is still) the leader of the so-called Coloured People and might write on that topic. He is a brilliant writer and speaker with a keen incisive style and reminds me very much of you!

6. Mr. A. Desmond, M.A. (Columbia), Trafalgar High School, Capetown, who has travelled in the South could also write on the Coloured People.

7. Mr. A. Lazarus, B.A. of Sastri Indian College, Durban, who is to do graduate work at Yale with me next academic year, could write on Bantu-Indian relationships.

8. Dr. I. Shapera, Ph.D., etc., of the University of Capetwon, is perhaps our leading anthropologist. If I had any responsibility for the preparation of articles I should be inclined to ask his advice as to writers on the anthropological aspects of the South African Natives. His field of major interest is the Bechuana.

9. Dr. Monica Hunter, Ph.D., Lovedale Institution, Lovedale, has just written an outstanding book on the Pondo entitled Reaction to Conquest. She is one of Professor Malinowski's students.

16-10-41

10. Mrs. W. Hoernle, M.A., of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, is our most experienced anthropologist. She might write on Bushmen and Hottentots and also on Bantu Religion.

11. Mrs. J. Krige, M.A., of the same university, has made a special study of the Zulu.

12. Dr. A Doke, Litt.D., of the same university, is one of the two outstanding authorities on Bantu Linguistics. The other is

13. Dr. G.P. Lestrade, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Capetown. If I were dividing the linguistic field I think I would chose Dr. Doke as my adviser.

14. Professor Goodwin of the University of Capetown could write on the Material Culture of the Bantu.

15. Dr. W.M. Eiselen, Ph.D. of the University of Stellenbosh, Cape Province, is another distinguished anthropologist. It would be well to include a representative of this Dutch-speaking university among our contributors.

16. Professor Perceval R. Kirby, Litt.D., F.R.C.M., of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, is our leading authority on Bantu Music.

17. Dr. Edgar H. Brookes, Litt.D., Principal of Adams College, Natal, would be the best man to write on Native Administration and on The History of Native Policy.

18. Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, M.A., of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Box 1176, Johannesburg, could help in many ways. He could write well on Race Relations in South Africa.

19. Rev. R.E. Phillips, M.A., B.D., Department of Race Relations, Yale University, is completing his thesis on The Urban Native of Johannesburg. He could write on The Native Mine Worker or generally on The Urban Native.

20. Professor R.F. Hoernle, Department of Philosophy, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, would be our best guide on the philosophy and psychology of the Bantu.

21. Professor W.M. Macmillan, M.A., All Souls College, Oxford, could deal with various historical problems and also with the Coloured People.

22. Mr. W.G. Ballinger who could be addressed in care of Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones could write on Native Trades Unionism.

23. Rev. Father Bernard Huss, Maria Zell Roman Catholic Mission, East Griqualand, is an authority on Native Cooperatives and Rural Organization.

24. Rt. Rev. Bishop Lea, Eshowe, Zululand, has written on the Native Separatist Church.

25. Dr. J.D. Taylor, D.D., who may be addressed care of Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones is perhaps the best and safest man to write on Christianity and the Natives of South Africa.

16-10-42

26. Dr. E.G. Malherbe, Director of Bureau of Education, Union Department of Education, Pretoria, is perhaps the best man in South Africa to write on Native Education. His treatment, limited by his experience, will be statistical rather than interpretive.

Of course, there are many more and when you reach the point of assigning articles I could, I think, be of more help.

Because I know my South Africa and appreciate university and personal jealousies I am inclined to suggest that you do not yet correspond with any particular persons, not even my dear friend, John Dube. My feeling is that South Africa needs to be kept aware of what we are proposing to do and the development of our project, but that the time for individual correspondence has not yet come.

Undoubtedly the best way to let South Africa know what we are doing is through the Institute of Race Relations which has a quarterly publication. However, I think you would need to exercise caution with my friend, Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones, who was secretary of the Institute of Race Relations when I was president, lest he commit you to action without authority.

If my present plans hold, I expect to be in Atlanta on or about April 12. If it does not hamper your activities you might care to delay action till then, for it is much easier and often more profitable to talk than to write.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

March 3, 1937

16-10-43

My dear Mr. Loram:

Thank you very much for the list of persons in South Africa which you sent. I shall follow your advice and not write them until we have had a chance to talk. I had, however, already written Professor Macmillan. I got in touch with him through Miss Fisher in London; although I did not actually meet him.

I shall be here the week of April the twelfth and shall be very glad indeed to see you. Let me know as soon as possible when you expect to be here.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

3/11/37

March 6, 1937

16-10-44

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you for your letter of March 3. We expect to be in Atlanta on April 13 or 14. I hope you will be willing not only to confer with me on the Encyclopaedia project but to give my students (eight or ten in number) the benefit of your views on the advisability of Negroes setting up their own separate institutions in industry, banking and the like. No doubt the topics will range with the interests of the students.

I have asked President Reed to arrange our Atlanta schedule. Perhaps when the time comes you will confer with her.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

Students Making Southern Tour 1937

Professor C.T. Loram, Chairman and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Race Relations, Yale University,

Mr. J.J. Ross, M.A. (Stellenbosch), Inspector of Schools, Orange Free State, South Africa,

Mr. H. McDowell, M.A. (Oxford), formerly of South Africa but now to enter the British Government Colonial Service,

Mr. B.J. Weston, M.A. (Cambridge), M.Sc. (South Africa), of the Agricultural Department of Cyprus,

Mr. H. Roberts, M.A. (London), Professor of Sociology, Virginia State College for Negroes (a Negro),

Mr. A. Knepler, M.A. (Rutgers), hoping to secure an appointment at Lingnan University, China,

Miss E. Sylvaine, M.A. (Bryn Mawr), Director of Rural Education, Haiti,

Mr. B. Rogers, M.A. (Yale), Supervisor of English, Yale-in-China Middle School, Changsha, China,

Mr. N.G.D. Joardar, M.A. (Calcutta and Oxford), Vice-principal, University of Lucknow, India.

March 11, 1937

16-10-46

My dear Mr. Loram:

I shall be very glad to welcome you to Atlanta University April 13 or 14, and to confer with you concerning the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and have a conference with your students. I shall confer with President Read.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
28 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

March 16, 1937

16-10-47

My dear Dr. Loram:

One complication about our conference here has arisen. Dr. Stokes wants me to be in New York on the twelfth* to see some of the representatives of the Foundations concerning possible appropriations for the Encyclopaedia. This would make me late returning to meet you. I am wondering if by any possibility you could come to Atlanta a little later in the week than you had planned. I am afraid this will not be possible as I know how difficult it is to arrange schedules such as you have. If I find that I can not be here, Dr. Logan will meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

*of April

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

March 18, 1937

16-10-48

My dear Dr. Loram:

The proposed meeting in New York April twelfth has been postponed so that I shall be here when you come.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

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28 *Hillhouse Avenue,*
New Haven, Connecticut

March 20, 1937

3/24/37

16-10-49

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Thank you for your letter of March 16. I am afraid we cannot alter our itinerary, but while we shall be very disappointed if you are not at Atlanta on either April 12, 13 or 14 we shall quite understand. In case a change in your plans is possible, may I say that one of our chief reasons for going to Atlanta rather than to Tuskegee was to meet you. I hope your hat will still fit you!

If we are not able to talk about the African part of the Encyclopaedia at Atlanta I hope you will visit us at Yale and give us here the interview we had hoped to have in your own cosy study.

Yours sincerely,

Charles T. Loram

Charles T. Loram.

CTL:MH

June 28, 1937

16-10-50

My dear Mr. Lorum:

In making up my list of libraries with valuable collections of Africana I find I know nothing about the collections in South Africa. Could you write a short note telling me just what there is there in the line of library sources concerning the Negro?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Charles T. Lorum
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

as from University of Colorado
Boulder Colo
July 6. 1931

Dear Dr du Bois,

16-10-51

Apart from the famous Mendelssohn Collection - perhaps the best collection of Africana in the world - at the Public Library Capetown, I do not know of any noteworthy collection. (Stop, am wrong) At the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg there is the famous Gubbins collection

All the universities have small collections but these two are outstanding. For details regarding them write to A.C. Lloyd, MA Librarian, Public Library, Capetown and The Librarian, Univ of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg S. Africa.

There is a reasonably good collection in the Library of the Houses of Parliament, Capetown (Paul Robbins, Librarian)

Yours sincerely
Charles T. Loram

ROBERT MORSS LOVETT
HULL HOUSE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 24, 1937

Dear Friend:

16-12-26

I am taking the liberty of writing you in the cases of Vincent Ferrero and Domenick Sallitto who are threatened with deportation and asking you to sign the enclosed petition to the Secretary of Labor. I have met and talked with both Ferrero and Sallitto and am convinced that they are as much victims of persecution under our laws as were Sacco and Vanzetti. The findings of the Immigration Service are an example of the prejudice which officials of that service persistently show toward aliens. The charge against Ferrero that "he wrote and published matter advising opposition to all organized government" is based on the fact that he held the corresponding address for an Italian paper, which discussed anarchism among other subjects, and which was discontinued long before his arrest. A charge against both is that they rented a room to the editor of a paper known as Man, which passes legally through the U. S. mail. Ferrero and Sallitto have been in this country respectively thirty and fifteen years and obviously constitute no danger to our institutions. If deported to Italy they will fall victims to the fascist terror under which Matteotti and Amendola suffered death. The courts have no power to review the facts as found by the agents of the Department of Labor. The only recourse is to ask the Secretary of Labor to use the discretion which has been benevolently exercised in other cases, and accordingly I am asking you to sign the enclosed petition to her, and return it to the Ferrero-Sallitto Defense Conference, P.O. Box 181, Station D, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Morss Lovett

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Social Mans 1937

Department of Sociology

February 1, 1937

16-18-17

My dear Friends:

I have arrived in Atlanta at last after a seven months' journey. I remember with great pleasure the stop in Oakland and wish to express again my obligation for your hospitality.

My best regards to you and your son. Mrs. Du Bois and Yolande join me in good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Major and Mrs. Walter H. Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

251- Adams st. Oakland - Calif.

Social memo - 1937

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16-18-24

Dear Dr Du Bois,

We have enjoyed hearing from you from time to time, but I have been disappointed that you have forgotten your promise to send me your photo - So this note is a gentle reminder - I gave Mrs Green the books which you sent in our name - She was so pleased to have them and said she would write you in a day or so -

I was happy to hear that both Mrs Du Bois and Yolande are well - We are still planning on the Eastern trip and will look forward to seeing you somewhere during the summer -

With love to all from all of us -

Sincerely always, Edith H.

March 17, 1937

16-18-25

My dear Mrs. Loving:

I am sending herewith the photograph, and thank you for your kindness in delivering the books.

My best regards to the family and pleasant memories.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Edith Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

[1937] Saturday-

16-18-20

Dear Dr Du Bois, Social Manners 1937

Forgive the long delay in writing you to say how happy I was to have the very splendid photo of yourself - attribute the delay to anything but lack of appreciation and I'll agree with you -

We are all well and I still remember with pleasure your visit with us. Perhaps we shall see you this summer in New York - Dr Gordon wants us to go with them to Atlantic but I am not enthused over driving down there - Shall you be in New York during July? Do you recall having met a lady (English) by the name of Doris Anderson while here? She is to be in New York during the month of July and wants me to be there with her before she sails for England - I know she would enjoy seeing you again.

Now have you forgive me for

waiting so long to acknowledge the receipt of your photo: You know how much I wanted it so I'm sure you will understand—

Major and Walter are both well—Major wants to know if you are still as swift—taking as much as you used to be! Really I smile to myself many times—

Write us where you will be in July—Or do you want to see us again?

How are Mrs Du Bois and Yolande? also dear little Du Bois William. See I've remembered her name and thought often of the cute saying to her mother about "going some place away from her"—

All send love to you and think of me once in a while please.

Sincerely your friend—

Edith — (Loving)

June 28, 1937

16-8-1

My dear Edith:

I trust this will find you, the Major, and the boy well. I am spending the summer until the 24th of July here in Atlanta teaching summer school, and I will tell the world it is hot. I am not sure after this experience whether I shall have courage enough to return to the Grand Boule in August or not. At any rate I am going North in July and shall be at 210 west 150th Street, Apartment 3-A. I shall hope to hear from you and the Major there telling your plans for the summer. Mrs. Du Bois is well and sends regards to the family.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Walter H. Loving
251 Adams Street
Oakland, California

April 6, 1937

Gentlemen:

16-10-30

Can you furnish me with the "Testimony taken by The Joint Select Committee to inquire into the Condition of Affairs in the Late Insurrectionary States" Alabama Volume One, Washington: Government Printing Office 1872? On the back it is marked "Ku-Klux Conspiracy, Number 8, Alabama, Part I. If so, what will it cost?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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April 20, 1937

16-10-36

My dear Mr. McCrorey:

Will you please send me the name and address of the boarding house in Charlotte where some of the teachers stayed once?

My best regards to you and Mrs. McCrorey.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President Henry L. McCrorey
Barber-Scotia Junior College
Concord, North Carolina

Enc. of the Negro

February 9, 1937

16-5-08

My dear Professor Macmillan:

I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity of meeting you in England when I was visiting Miss Ruth Fisher. She has told me, however, that she has communicated with you and told you something about our projected Encyclopaedia. Besides the persons noted on the letterhead I have succeeded in interesting Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Von Eichstedt of Breslau, Professor Woelfl of Vienna, Professor De Cleene of Belgium, Professor Homburger of Paris, and others.

I want very much to secure your interest and cooperation and hope very much that you will let us use your name. We are hoping to issue the Encyclopaedia during the years 1938 to 1942, and will, of course, pay for all collaborations.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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16-2-43

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

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With all good wishes & regards

Yours sincerely

W. M. Macmillan

[AUGUST 3, 1937]

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With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

(signed) W. M. Macmillan

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Enc. of the Negro

16-5-17

February 17, 1937

My dear Professor Malinowski:

You may remember that I had the pleasure of having dinner with you at the residence of Miss Fisher while in London last summer. I am still interested in the project of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

During my trip I consulted various anthropologists and students of sociology on the continent. I had an interview with Professor De Cleene in Brussels, several with Professor Westermann in Berlin, and talked with Professor von Eickstedt of the University of Breslau, Professor Woelfel in Vienna, Professor Homburgher and M. Paul Boyer in Paris. I also was in correspondence with Professor Leo Frobenius. All of these persons have expressed interest in the work and willingness to cooperate.

I wonder if you would be good enough to indicate further persons in your circle of acquaintance whom I ought to interest in order to gather as wide a body of persons with a real scientific knowledge of Africa and the Negro to help in this project. I have written to Professor Macmillan of Oxford and I shall write to Miss Mair whose book I have. I should like to get names of other South Africans who are not too prejudiced to work with us.

I should be glad of any information or advice you can give me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor B. Malinowski
University of London
London, England

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-1-53

2nd March, 1937. 3/3/37

Dear Dr DuBois,

Many thanks for your letter of February 17th. I see that you have a fairly comprehensive list of people interested in the proposed Encyclopædia of the Negro. You asked for further names. With regard to South Africa, I would advise you to get in touch with Mrs W.E. Hoernlé, at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. She is Lecturer in Social Anthropology, is extrememly liberal in her views, and without any prejudices whatever - quite the reverse. She also knows everyone who is anyone in South Africa.

Did you approach Professor Schapera, Professor of Anthropology in the University of Cape Town? If you are writing to Miss Mair, I would also suggest Dr A.I. Richards, of the London School of Economics, W.C.2. who has worked in Northern Rhodesia, and might be useful to you. You have no doubt been in touch with Professor Labouret of Paris, a director of the International African Institute, and with Professor Lindblom of the Staatens Ethnografiska Museum, Stockholm. These are the names which occur to me. I shall always be at your disposal if you want any further information or other services.

Yours sincerely,

B. Malinowski

B. Malinowski.

3/22/37

Negro Crime

16 Greenwich Park
Boston, Mass.
17 March, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

16-14-14

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am a graduate student of Sociology at Boston University engaged in directed study in Criminology under Professor Albert Morris. In connection with this study I am preparing a thesis on the subject "Institutional Treatment of Negro Prisoners in the South." Because the sources of information on this subject that are available to me are so meagre, I am asking your help in the matter.

First, I should like to know if you or your associates at Atlanta have ever compiled a bibliography on this subject or have done research in this field. If so, I should like, if possible, to ascertain the results of your study.

Secondly, I should appreciate information on the following points:

1. The number of Negro prisoners in the South, by states if possible.
2. Types of institutions in which they are incarcerated
   a. number in county jails
   b. number in state prisons
   c. number in federal prisons
   d. number on county chain gangs.
3. To what extent is segregation practiced in the penal institutions of the southern states?
4. Are there within these institutions any discriminations to which Negro prisoners alone are subject? If so, what are these discriminations?
5. Is punishment within these institutions administered with like severity (or leniency) to Negro as well as to white prisoners?
6. To what kinds of labor are Negro prisoners most commonly put? Are white prisoners also engaged in these occupations?
7. What provisions are made for the treatment and hospitalization of ill and mentally defective prisoners? Of Negro prisoners so affected?
8. In those institutions which provide educational training for their inmates, what provision is made for the Negro prisoner?

I trust that you will find it convenient to help me in this matter.

Yours very truly,

Seaton W. Manning

Seaton W. Manning

April 15, 1937

My dear Sir:

The records of crime in the South are very difficult to obtain with any accuracy. The only sources are the United States Census, which of course you know of, and more or less complete reports issued by various cities. They can be had on application. Sometimes the states issue some brief and incomplete reports. But there is no way, from official statistics, of getting a real picture of crime in the South. I made one study in the Atlanta University Publications in 1910. Since then some of our graduate students have made tentative studies but none that were worth very much. I am sorry that I cannot be of more service to you.

16-14-15

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Seaton W. Manning
16 Greenwich Park
Boston, Massachusetts

October 4, 1937

Request for information

16-13-48

My dear Mr. Marryshow:

I understand that you were in New York this year and regret that I did not have a chance to see you. I want very much to get the facts concerning the recent strikes and labor upheavals in Trinidad and other parts of the West Indies. Will you send me any printed material you have and any reference to other material?

I trust this will find you in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Dr. H.E. Burghardt. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Lane College,
Jackson, Tenn.
May 21st, 1937.
[Fatima Massaquoi]

5/25/37

Student

16-10-23

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I am quite sure you will be very surprised to receive this letter of which you do not even know the Writer. Your name was given me by a friend, Miss K. M. Johnson of Chicago, while I was lecturing in said city.

I am a daughter of

the Rt-Hon Chief Momolu Massaquoi who is now a citizen of Liberia, West Africa.

In 1923 my father was appointed Consul General and Diplomatic Representative of Liberia ~~accredited~~ accredited to the German empire. During father's incumbency as Consul General, I went to Germany and attended school there. I finished at the St. Anscher Höhere Mädchenschule, a high school, and at the Helene-Lange Oberrealschule a Seminary or Women College. Both of these schools are in the city of Hamburg, Germany the

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and things were made very difficult for members of my race, Jews and the like. I then saw myself obliged to take my course in sociology under a man who had been teaching this subject at the Hamburg-University in former years. I also taught Vai, one of the African languages my mother-tongue, for 5 semesters at the Hamburg University. I have also served as my father's secretary at the Liberian Consulate General and often did the work alone when my father was on his furlough, or taking trips in

various parts of Europe, where he established branches of the Liberian Consulate. Sometimes I went along to interpret for him. I also have helped him at some sessions of the League of Nations, where he had to represent the Liberian government.

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Since I have done all this studying and gathered very much experience in cosmopolitan circles, I made up my mind to come to America for my degrees (as Germany does not give degrees other than the Doctor(s) in

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Could you please also use your influence towards getting me a job as a teacher of foreign languages, hand work (crocheting, knitting, filet, embroderizing etc). I could even teach European and African Geography and History. I am not asking for anything in the way of a high a salary. For the board of Labor would not let me work for much more than my mere board and lodging that is to say I cannot accept any

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Faithfully yours,

(signed) Fatima Massaquoi

Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

October 21, 1937

16-10-27

My dear Miss Massaquoi:

I regret to say that your letter of May 21 came just at commencement season and then somehow on account of summer school remained unanswered. I have just come across it again. I wish very much that we might have you here. I know of the excellent work of your father and we need an expert in African geography, languages, and sociology. I have, however, nothing to do with the hiring of teachers. I will put your letter before the new President of Atlanta University and ask his attention to it. I should like to know just what you are doing this fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Fatima Massaquoi
Lane College
Jackson, Tennessee

[Fatima Massaquoi]

Request for information

Lane College,
Jackson, Tenn.
Oct. 28th, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I am very pleased to have your letter of October 21st.

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I would have been very glad to attend Atlanta. As I did not get a reply from my letter, I wrote to other places and tried to get into other schools. But I have not come to a definite conclusion with any school as yet. If you therefore believe that your school could do something for me, then, please let me know at your very earliest. Please also state precisely, what they would be able to do.

I had a letter from the Registrar of Atlanta and Mrs Reed of Spelman College. But these letters, as well as others from other schools, got here just when I was on my summer vacation, and, as they were not forwarded, I returned here, believi that the other schools could do nothing for me. I am here at Lane at least for the fall term, which will expire about the the beginning of the month of December. I am taking a few(cases) courses and teaching some of the classes in French this year.

Yes, we need experts on African ethnology and sociology. As I travel through this country as well as throug Europe, I am always so greatly disappointed to see how very l tle people know about Africa and the Africans.

I must bring this letter to a close now.

Please excuse all mistakes made in English. My having done all my school-work in German accounts for my bad English.

Very sincerely yours,

Fatima Massaquoi

P. O. Box 1064
Aug 12 '37

Dear, dear friend;

I am horrified by your letter and by the happennings that you relate. I was far away at the time and upon returning heard that the Conference in Nashville was a success, never dreaming that such methods as you describe were perperated. I know how little "foundation" talk one gets from official sources and I, therefore, see no recourse expect to write the Guardian. I see the human element coming to the surface, I see old prejudices overcoming (temporarily) the great sweeping oncoming of the Oneness of mankind. That it, the foundamental principle of the Baha'i Movement should meet with opposition from within the Cause, is not to be wondered at, for Abdul Baha said again and again, "The real enemies of this day will be found within the Cause itself".

Do not believe for one moment that such human dealing can definitely interfer with the progress of the Cause. We have not acquired "quality" in sufficient numbers, to bring the real Cause forward at all times, there must be lapses, there must be interference of the Divine Will by the human will, do not be discoursed. Go, my dear friends to Greenacre, write the Guardian, give no outward sign at this moment of your displeasure. I will leave all else this Fall and go to Nashville, I will then have first hand facts and with them can act and will.

I am sorrowful, indeed, that such has occurred but do not be deceive by people, single or in groups, they are not the divine Will but are too little to take a part in

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the plan of the Creator.

Most affectionately,

Louis Mathews

Mrs. G. Wallace

HALEKULANI
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Nov 28th.

My very dear friend;

I am distressed that you should have been lead to believe that the foundation of the Baha'i Cause could or has been, undermined. Such is not the case. The whole structure rests upon the oneness of mankind, it is the head stone of the new religion. When Mrs. Trotman wrote me that the campaign in Nashville was not in conformity to true Baha'i principles, I wrote at once to friends of mine, especially to Mts. Stapleton a stuanch Baha'i and a coloured woman of the South. She hastened to assure me that this was all a mistake and came from some mix up in regard to the College. Meanwhile certain white women had written our Guardian asking if a small fire side group could

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be held without asking any other race, he replied to my knowledge, "yes, provided that these students understood the principles and knew that no such division existed in the Cause or in the ultimate of our teaching. We wish to have outstanding white people in the South and until they study the teachings and understand the principles they will not come into right thinking, and things will remain about as they are, we wish to break down all such resistance and must do it as we can, when openning a class, I, myself am going to Nashville and Knoxville this Spring at the request of the N.S.A. and hope to find (as I believe I shall) that there is no foundation to these tales. I certainly would never continue in the Cause if it was failing, but such, I assure you, is not the case. We have to reconcile Japanese with Chinese, Malay with Hindu Turk with Persian, the whole round world of prejudice racial. religious and national. Such a stupendous task cannot be viewed from the feebleness of a few indivduals but must be looked at from the whole round world and know that the result in the world of creation will be the healing of the Nations, it will take a little time and we, the workers must grow to the statue of our job. Be assured that it will take place and nothing can prevent it.

I had to discontinue the prize temporariry, because first the new income taxes took all the money I had, that was not used for bread and butter and supporting the eight souls who are dependant upon me. Also as Wanden and Oliver decided to devoice that put an other complication into it. I shall wait a bit, see if taxes will decrease and Oliver is free to work upon the choise of a book and shall then continue.

With kindest and loving regards,

Louise Mathews

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To Mr. DuBois

Halekulani
Honolulu, Hawaii

November 28, 1937

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With kindest and loving regards,

(signed) Loulie Mathews

Dec 17, 1937

My dear Mrs. Matthews:

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With best regards,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) W.E.B. Du Bois.

15-12-51

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With best regards

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Halekulani
Honolulu
Hawaii

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Request for Reconsideration

11720 Cameron Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.
September 8,1937.

Dr. W.E.B.DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,Ga.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

16-6-52

Well, Mrs. Matney and I are here visiting her sister. Since being here I have decided to do further study as we both feel that the sooner the better.

I have made some fair contacts and of course need some more. I am wondering if you do not know a Mr. John Dancy, Secretary of the Urban League here. If you do know him, I would appreciate a letter to him in my behalf with a view to my securing some kind of employment in one of the agencies with which he is connected. Too, if there is anyone else here whom you can contact it will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Matney sends kindest regards. We both trust that your vacation was a most pleasant one.

I note with interest that Dr. Warbasse has announced the opening of a national co-operative school in New York City.

Very truly yours,

W.C.Matney

September 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Matney:

Your letter of September 8 has just been received as I returned from my vacation. I am enclosing a letter to Mr. Dancy. I hope that it may be of some use and you will have a good year.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Matney.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. W. C. Matney
11720 Cameron Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

[MEMPHIS]

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 8, 1937

16-6-57

Sir:

I wish to recommend Mrs. Louise Torrence Gloster as a supervisor of recreation in the Dixie Homes, the local PWA housing project. Mrs. Gloster was a student of mine for two years while in graduate school at Atlanta University and received her master of arts degree in my department of sociology. I found her a first class student and a good worker in social projects. I think that her fine character, clear mind and pleasant manners would make her an excellent supervisor in your housing project.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois
Head, Department of Sociology
Atlanta University

Mr. Andy Miller, Director of Personnel
Office of the Mayor
Shelby County Court House
Memphis, Tennessee

Slavery

Department of Sociology

February 15, 1937

Dear Madam:

In your article of February seventh you write about the "Wanderer Case" and say that you have not been able to find more than a line in reference to it. If you will consult my "Suppression of the Slave Trade" Harvard Historical Studies, No. I, you will find considerable data and several references concerning the "Wanderer" on pages 181, 185, and 297. It seems to me that your exposition makes a very common fault in explaining slavery and the Civil War. You rightly stress the fact that slave ships were regularly fitted out and owned by persons resident in northern states, but you did not stress certain other facts, for instance, the "Wanderer" landed four hundred and twenty slaves in Georgia and these slaves were never recovered. Some of those who attempted to seize the Negroes were arrested for larceny and in spite of the efforts of Congress the captain was never punished. This shows that not only was there a desire for the profits of the slave trade in the North but there was a determination to have slaves at any cost, and to obstruct the enforcement of slave trade laws in the South. When both sides of the unfortunate picture are thus stated the present generation will have a fairer basis of truth on which to judge the right or wrong of human slavery.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Katherine Pope Merritt
c/o The Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

KELLY MILLER
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 9, 1937

16-10-34

Dr. W. E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I wrote you sometime ago enclosing a copy of the May issue of Opportunity requesting your opinion on the proper designation for members of our group. I am arranging a symposium which I Hope to publicize shortly. Of course, this symposium would be incomplete without your influential and representative opinion.

May I expect to hear from you within a few days?

Yours truly,

Kelly Miller

Kelly Miller H.

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July 14, 1937

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My dear Mr. Miller:

I have written so much and so often on the subject of what we should be called that I think what I think is perfectly well known.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Kelly Miller
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Hotels

September 14, 1937

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Gentlemen:

Will you please reserve two single rooms for me Saturday night, September 18. I should like to have them quiet rooms at the back of the building and not on the noisy street.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miller Hotel
North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

See Memo - 1937

February 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Miyake:

I have reached my desk again after my long trip around the world, and I want to thank you for the many kindnesses which you showed me while in Japan. I am especially anxious in connection with my projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro to get in touch with any Japanese scientists who have made a study of race anthropology. Could you send me any addresses so that I could write them?

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With deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Kiichi Miyake
Tokyo Imperial University
College of Agriculture
Tokyo, Japan

16-5-54

February 10, 1937.

My dear Dr. Moody:

I have just reached the United States after a trip around the world including Western Europe, Russia, China, Japan, and Hawaii. I remember with great appreciation the dinner at your house, and send my best regards to your family. I appreciate the courtesies which you extended to Dr. Virginia Alexander when she was in England.

I should like very much to get the names and addresses of the most scholarly Negroes of the various West African colonies who by education and experience would be fitted to cooperate in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro which I am promoting. The enclosed literature will tell you something about it. Could you or the League of Coloured Peoples send me some such names? I should be greatly obliged.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Harold A. Moody
The League of Coloured Peoples
Memorial Hall
Farringdon Street
London, E. C. 4
England

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent to: 164, Queens Road, S. E. 15
London, England

[Morehouse College]

March 2, 1937

My dear Mr. Brazeal:

16-10-37

I have been asked to speak for Morehouse College Friday night, March twelfth. I am going to make a charge of $25, but I do not want this for myself. I want to donate it for some student enterprise. I want the money actually paid over, and then I will hand it to you for this object. Would you suggest two or more objects for which it might go?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA. GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March
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1937

16-10-38

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

As you might imagine, I am happy to make suggestions as to how the twenty-five dollars can be used by the school in the interest of the students.

A bulletin board is needed very badly in Sale Hall. Mirrors could be purchased and placed in the bathrooms in the dormitories. The money might be used to help equip a student's room with furniture. The cost of equipping a room is $65.00. Lastly, I might suggest that the sum can be used as a basis of a loan fund for the personal needs of students. Not over one dollar will be loaned to any one student at one time or while a loan is outstanding.

We are looking forward with keen delight to your being with us.

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal,
Dean

BRB:G

March 10, 1937

16-10-37

Memo to Mr. Brazeal:

I should like to have my twenty-five dollar lecture fee go for a bulletin board in Sale Hall, and as many mirrors as can be purchased with the balance for the bathrooms in the dormitories.

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Request for information 1937

MORRISTOWN
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. W. E. B Du Bois.
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia

[Morristown College]

Morristown College,
Morristown, Tennessee,
January 30, 1937.

Dear Mr. Dubois:

Since Negro History Week is near by, I was just wondering if we, in our history department, could receive some free pamphlets from you pertaining to the on coming event?

This shall be more than appreciated, for I am

Yours Truly
Fred Davis, Jr., Instructor

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16-10-62

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Moton

announce the marriage of their daughter

Charlotte

to

Dr. James Arthur Kennedy

on Saturday, the twelfth of June

nineteen hundred and thirty-seven

Capahosic, Virginia

At Home

U.S. Veterans Hospital

Tuskegee, Alabama

[Mt. Zion M.E.]

December 2, 1937

16-9-8

My dear Sir:

My friend, W. P. Dabney, tells me that you might be interested in a lecture at your church during my lecture tour in February. I can speak for you Thursday, February 17 or Friday, February 18. My charge would be fifty dollars out of which I would pay all my expenses. I am enclosing a list of the lectures which I am using this year. I do not furnish any advertising material except a photograph if you should need it. I should be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience as I have offered these same dates elsewhere.

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Arthur A. Williams
3025 Walter Street
Walnut Hills
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December 14, 1937

16-9-10

My dear Sir:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak Friday, February eighteenth, the fee to be fifty dollars. Will you kindly let me know what subject you have chosen?

Very sincerely yours,

Reverend Arthur A. Williams
5025 Walter Street
Walnut Hills
Cincinnati, Ohio

16-1-64

155 Adelaide Rd.,
London, N.W.3.
29th May, 1937.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

I must thank you for your letter with regard to the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I think it is very worthwhile project, and shall be glad to co-operate in any way in which my assistance would be of some value.

My address as from the 1st of august will be: Adams College,
Adams M.S.
Natal, South africa.

Very sincerely yours.
D. Westermann.

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155 Adelaide Road
London, N. W. 3
29th May, 1937

16-1-22

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Adams College
Adams M. S.
Natal, South Africa

Very sincerely yours,

signed D. Mtimkulu

February 11, 1937

16-10-52

My dear Mr. Murphy:

In January, 1935, you made an estimate for me of the cost of printing a periodical. Will you kindly make another estimate? What would be the cost of furnishing the paper, printing, and binding one thousand copies of a journal of this size, approximately one hundred-fifty pages of the same grade of paper?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. H. S. Murphy
275 Auburn Avenue Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

(Helen Musson)
Church Street
Hamilton
Bermuda
Oct 15th 1937

16-12-84

(3)

Pittsburgh Courier

Dear Dr Du Bois,

Having read with interest your column "Vox Populi" appearing in the Pittsburgh Courier of Sept 18th

I felt the urge to offer some information as a possible solution of the problem you expressed in the latter part of the article referred to. Bermuda is an ideal place for a restful vacation, it is semi tropical, and surrounded by beautiful blue waters reflecting the azure skies, which makes it ideal for sea bathing.

The only other place in the world which has been compared with it for the beauty of its waters are those of Naples Italy.

16-12-85

There is an Island for each day in the year, it is coral formation the sand on the beaches a pretty pink & white.

Here the famous Tom Moore was inspired to write his "Odes to Ella", a few of the other famous and well known people who have graced our shores, are the late President Wilson, Henry Dean Dyke & son, Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune, the late Alice Dunbar Nelson, Eugene O'Neil the Irish, and many others to numerous to mention, these have sought and found rest and relaxation. We are less than forty eight hours from N.Y. by palatial liners, five hours by plane.

Of course we have the colour problem, but not such that it need not encroach in any way on a happy holiday.

Incidentally I have visited U.S.A. and enjoyed it immensely, some of my best friends reside there.

Respectfully yours
(Miss) Helen McNeilson.

P. S.

We have one coloured guest house the rate I think are around $2.50 to $3.00 per day, for information write The Albert Guest house Reid St Hamilton Bermuda. Most private houses are $15.00 a week board & lodging.

H M.

16-12-86

November 9, 1957

My dear Madam:

I appreciate your letter of October 15 concerning Bermuda. May I ask y u further questions? You say "Of course we have the color problem but such that it need not encroach in any way upon a happy holiday." May I ask just where one fe ls the color bar in the following respects:

1. What hotel could a colored traveler go to?
2. What amusements like movies, concerts, etc. would be open to colored people?
3. Could colored people go in bathing? Are there any restricted beaches, or could they go anywhere?
4. Are the parks, museums, etc. open to colored people?

I should be very glad to have information on these matters from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Helen N. Musson
Church Street
Hamilton
Bermuda

February 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Nagasawa:

I am writing to thank you for your kindness while I was in Japan, and to remind you of your promise to try and get for me a reproduction of the reception scene of the American Fleet at Uraga. I should be very glad to pay any costs.

16-10-9

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. M. Nagasawa
Tokyo Imperial University
Tokyo, Japan

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May 14, 1937.

TOKYO.

16-10-8

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of February IIth with regard to my promise to secure for you a photographic reproduction of the reception scene of the American Fleet at Uraga.

Quite recently it came to my notice that a certain publishing company in Tokyo is going to reproduce the very same picture in heliochrome during this summer. Thus I shall have the pleasure of sending a copy to you in near future.

My address shall be changed as the following as I am leaving this Library by the 15th of May, and shall be at the Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai (Society for International Cultural Relations of Japan);-

M. Nagasawa,

c/o Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai,
on the 7TH Floor, Meiji Seimei Kan,
Marunouchi, Tokyo.

Very respectfully yours,

M. Nagasawa

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,

President, Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Georgia,
U.S.A.

July 19, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send my copy of the "Nation" from July 17 to September 17 to:

210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3-A
New York City

instead of to Atlanta University.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-14

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20 Vesey Street
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January 9, 1937

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Crisis - 1937

16-18-30

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are cleaning out some of the shelves and I find three or four dozen paper-bound copies of your report on the Philadelphia Negro. I assume that when you packed your books you took all the material you wished to take, but I am inquiring about these volumes because you may have overlooked them.

If you do not desire any of them, I am thinking of offering them to colleges, libraries and individuals interested in research for postage, say for twenty-five cents.

I also find 16 copies of "Darkwater". If these books are the property of The Crisis through purchase or gift, I propose to sell them at sharply reduced price.

I would appreciate word from you on the Philadelphia Negro.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins

Editor

RW/ED

P.S. Please accept my felicitations upon your observations during your European and Oriental trip as published in the Pittsburgh Courier. I had heard something of your reception in Manchuria and Japan through other sources. I know, of course, that you will find a ready market for magazine articles in those publications which can afford to pay, but I wish to renew my invitation to you to write a piece for The Crisis at any time upon any subject.

R.W.

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January 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Wilkins:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 9, 1937. It will be brought to his attention when he returns to his desk the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Roy Wilkins
The Crisis
69 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

(NAACP)

February 4, 1937

16-18-31

My dear Mr. Wilkins:

Dr. Du Bois asked me to say that he would be glad to pay twenty-five cents per copy for any copies of the "Philadelphia Negro" that you may wish to dispose of and thirty-five cents a copy for any such copies of "Darkwater".

Very sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
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February
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My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I enclose self-explanatory letter from Dr. Leo Stein in which he asks for the text of an interview with you in the Staatszeitung und Herold of January 29th.

I have written to Dr. Stein stating that I have forwarded this letter to you for reply.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White
Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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April 9, 1937

16-18-32

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In February we received a note from your secretary saying that you would be glad to pay twenty five (.25) cents per copy for any copies of "The Philadelphia Negro" that we might wish to dispose of; and thirty five cents (35¢) a copy for any such copies of "Dark Water."

Since writing you we have completed a clearing out of the storage room and I find that we have one hundred and eighty (180) copies of the Philadelphia study for sale and sixty (60) copies of "Dark Water."

It should be noted that the Philadelphia survey is paper bound and somewhat soiled from shelf exposure, but the copies of "Dark Water" are in good condition.

If you will advise me how many copies of each you wish and if you will agree to pay express charges I will prepare the quantity you wish for shipment.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy Wilkins

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April 12, 1937

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My dear Mr. Wilkins:

Please permit me, in answer to your letter of April ninth addressed to Dr. Du Bois, to say that he will take ten copies of the "Philadelphia Negro" at twenty-five cents; ten copies of "Darkwater" at thirty-five cents; and will pay the express charges on them.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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November
2nd
1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I think you will be amused by the enclosed copy of clipping concerning a book and movie that Thomas Dixon is doing with you as the chief object of attack.

Ever sincerely,

Walter White

Secretary.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta,
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Have You Written Your Senators Urging Support of the Federal Anti-Lynching Bill?

NEWS AND OBSERVER
Raleigh, North Carolina

Interview with
THOMAS DIXON
October 22, 1937

"Birth of a Nation" Will Have Sequel

Mrs. Virginia Nowell Agent for Tom Dixon's Unfinished Novel

The Scottsboro case, the rise of Red Communism among Negroes and scores of interracial incidents blazed across the front pages of 20th century newspapers will go into "The Flaming Sword," new sequel to "The Clansman"--the story that made "The Birth of a Nation"-- Author Thomas Dixon revealed for the first time here last night.

Dixon's statement came simultaneously with announcement that Mrs. Virginia Nowell, well-known Raleigh promoter, has been appointed Dixon's New York and Hollywood agent to handle publishing and film rights. Nine months already have gone into its composition, and two more will see it completed, he said.

The story will pick up where "Leopard Spots" left off, 1900, and bring the romance of the South from Reconstruction Days down in 1937," he said. It will complete the Southern picture started with "The Clansman" which grossed more than $15,000,000 as a silent motion picture.

"The release of the Scottsboro boys recently will be a scene in the novel," Dixon said, adding that various incidents of interracial import since 1900 would be incorporated in the plot. Strong, dramatic characters will live the roles that portray the modern attitude of the two races, he declared.

The modern Ku Klux Klan will be revealed as a reckless outgrowth of the old Klan, and the story will trace the development of Communism among the Negroes, under the leadership of Wm. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta (Ga.) University, whom Dixon described as a "Red radical preaching dictatorship of the proletariat."

The working title, "The Flaming Sword," was taken from a phrase in DuBois' new book, which Dixon termed "a blazing manifesto of Communism."

On the same subject, Dixon said his new creation would portray the Anti-Lynching Bill as "drawn up by Negro Communist Society under DuBois leadership and by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People." The bill's purpose, he declared, is "to put the South back under bayonets as in Reconstruction Days of 1867 and 1868."

The new sequel in Dixon's story of the South, he said, may be made into a motion picture, and some effort has been made to reproduce "The Birth of a Nation" as a sound picture.

[NAACP- Cleveland Branch]

March 5, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Request for information 1937

16-12-28

Dear Dr. Dubois:

The local branch of N.A.A.C.P. is planning a banquet on April the twentieth in honor of Dr. Horace Mann's contributions to public education. We will attempt to show that his ideals and program parallel that of the Negro today in his struggle for education.

We would very much, as part of our evening's program, like to give concrete examples of what the Negro, himself, has done to further the cause of education. We know that you have considerable information on this subject. Would you be kind enough to help us out?

The time is growing very short and we wanted this program to be particularly nice. There is, at present, even in Cleveland a very strong under current to deprive the colored child of educational opportunities. You can readily see what the under lying purpose of this program is.

I hope to hear from you, soon.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Hortense W. Davis,

1853 Pennsylvania Ave.,

E. Cleveland, Ohio.

16-12-21

[NAACP- Cleveland Branch]

March 10, 1937

My dear Mrs. Davis:

Answering your letter of March 5 addressed to Dr. Du Bois, please permit me to suggest that you consult Carter G. Woodson's book: "Education of the Negro Prior to 1860.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mrs. Hortense M. Davis
1853 Penrose Avenue
East Cleveland, Ohio

Request for recommendation

January 6, 1937

My dear Miss Scott:

Permit me to acknowledge, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, the receipt of your request for information concerning Pocahontas Foster. It will be brought to his attention upon his return to his desk sometime the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

13-15

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September 2, 1937

16-12-15

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Director
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Copies for recommendation

My dear Doctor DuBois:

Mr. Hugh H. Smythe, of 1012 Shepard Street, Petersburg, Virginia, has applied to the National Urban League for assistance in securing a position in the field of Research, and has given your name as a reference.

From your knowledge of Mr. Smythe's background, education, and employment experiences, you are doubtless in a position to judge his abilities in this field of work, and to give an estimate of his character and personality.

Such a statement from you will be greatly appreciated, for it will assist us in evaluating Mr. Smythe, and in trying to place him. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

T. Arnold Hill

T. Arnold Hill, Director
Department of Industrial Relations.

Enc.
TAH:MW

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16-12-16

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

My dear Mr. Hill:

Hugh H. Smythe was in my classes last year. He has a first class mind, clear head, and good manners.. He ought to make an excellent worker. The only criticism against him is that he is young, enthusiastic, and critical. He might, therefore, be a source of some annoyance in a large organization, but he has good sense and will outgrow that.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. T. Arnold Hill
National Urban League
1133 Broadway
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[NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE - DETROIT]

September 22, 1937

16-6-54

My dear Mr. Dancy:

This is to introduce Mr. W. C. Matney who is studying in Detroit this year. I have known Mr. Matney for twenty years as a teacher at Bluefield, West Virginia and as a student of cooperation. He is a conscientious and hard working scholar and if there is any way you can use him in your work in Detroit I am sure it will be to your mutual advantage.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. John Dancy
Urban League
Detroit, Michigan

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February, 1937

Dear Sir:

In pursuance to our last communication, regarding the World Competition of The New History Society on the subject: *"How Can the People of the World Achieve Universal Disarmament?"* we enclose herein two Messages, one from Mr. David P. Berenberg, member of the Award Committee, and the other from Mirza Ahmad Sohrab, Director of the Society. We earnestly hope that you will share the contents of these two Messages with your subscribers and the general public, so as to stimulate public interest in the theme of Disarmament and World Peace.

The Prizes and a brief outline of the rules of the Competition are as follows:

First World Prize - One Thousand Dollars
Second World Prize - Six Hundred Dollars
Third World Prize - Four Hundred Dollars
6 Continental Prizes - Two Hundred Dollars each
36 National Prizes - Fifty Dollars each

Papers not to exceed two thousand words.
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Two copies are to be sent, marked Prize Competition and bearing the name and address of the contestant.
To be original unpublished manuscripts.
Languages--English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Arabic or Persian.
The Competition opened on November 1st, 1936 and closes May 1st, 1937. May 1st indicates the last day on which Papers may be posted from any part of the world.

We shall deem it a privilege to receive your support in this matter and hope that you will favor us by mailing to our headquarters marked copies of any publication in which these messages or notices of the Competition may appear, thus enabling the Society to keep as complete a record of this enterprise as possible.

To all our friends, known and unknown, and to the Editors of the newspapers at home and abroad, we admit that the success of the World Competition rests in your hands! We are not in a position to buy time on the radio or space in any publications, yet nearly three months lie before us, long and potential. These months will, we are certain be used to advantage by those who consider that a great message is worth the carrying over the lands, over the seas, over the air and into the heart of the battle.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler
(President)

[Enc.]

Publicity Department
World Competition of
The New History Society
132 East 65th Street
New York, N. Y.
U.S.A.

MESSAGE FROM MR. DAVID P. BERENBERG
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

Mr. David P. Berenberg is a member of the Award Committee in the World Competition of The New History Society, on the subject:

"HOW CAN THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT?"

Editor: American Socialist Monthly, Socialist Call and Modern Monthly;
Author: "A Worker's World," "Socialist Fundamentals."

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PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

War is one of the most ancient of human institutions. One of the oldest of human dreams is the establishment of lasting peace. The phrase "peace on earth" found an echo in so many human hearts nineteen hundred years ago that it was alone enough to furnish a foundation for a new religion. So deep is the universal longing for peace that the most warlike of all empires, ancient Rome, felt impelled to make the phrase "pax Romana," the "Roman Peace" the symbol for its domination.

Long before Jesus built his religion on the foundation of "peace on earth" others dreamed the same dream and offered the same utopia--if only men had the will and the power to realize it. Since the days of the Buddha and of Jesus many other religious leaders like St. Francis and Charles Fox have had the same vision and have held out the same hope. Nor has the dream of universal and lasting peace been the exclusive possession of religious teachers.

When new political ideas cropped up in the wake of the great industrial changes that began in Europe in the thirteenth century, when men began to reject the rule of monarchs and aristocrats and asserted that true governmental power rests in the consent of the governed, they believed that the inauguration of their democratic ideals would be paralleled by the establishment of universal peace. Is not war, they argued, the occupation, even the pre-occupation of the feudal classes? And when these feudal classes are driven from their seats of power, will not their wars go with them? For what should the democratic masses fight? With the victory of "Liberty, Fraternity and Equality" war, too, will vanish with the other survivals of barbarism.

It was the old dream. It failed as did the hopes of the religious leaders. The slogan of "peace on earth," motivated by human love and fellowship, proved a mirage. The hope of peace based on "democratic" institutions failed, too. It had not taken into account the persistence of national rivalries, based on economic inequalities. Where the old feudal aristocrats had fought for land, the new masters of capital went to war for oil and coal, and for financial power. Dynastic wars gave way to wars for economic empire. Democracy was degraded into the service of imperialist aggression. In their relations with the "backward" peoples, the "democratic" powers of Western Europe and of America behaved with the same cool arrogance that had characterized their feudal predecessors.

War then is still with us. And the hope of peace is still a vision. How shall we give it reality?

Before the collapse of civilization in the Great War of 1914 there were some men and women who believed that the very cost of war would be the greatest deterrent to further wars. History proved them wrong. Predatory man will shrink from no cost in men or money. He will always deceive himself with the belief that he can make his victim pay.

H. G. Wells seems to assert that if the horrors of war can be painted with sufficient vividness men will be frightened away from the abyss and will refrain from the next war, which he says with much truth may lead to the collapse of the west. Yet, significantly, Wells paints his picture in grey and hopeless tones. He does not really believe that men can be frightened away from their own destruction. In his fantasies he is driven to the belief that man can be saved only by the intervention of a few truly intelligent leaders--the elite, the scientific thinkers. This, I am afraid, will prove to be as empty a hope as the old faith in aristocrats to which it is closely akin. This view is the product of a pessimism that looks only upon the surface. What lies below?

When the democracies of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries held out the hope of peace they based that hope on human equality. But so long as they permitted private property in the great economic resources to continue; so long as it was profitable for the masters of industry and finance to exploit the masses at home and abroad for their own profit equality was not possible. Democracy is not a mere name for a political form. It contains a substantial reality beneath the outward form. Make that substance the dominant force in public life, and what happens?

Remove the right of one man to own another man. Remove his right to exploit oil and coal and steel for private profit. Make it unprofitable to manufacture munitions of war. So internationalize economic life that all nations, no matter how badly endowed by nature with the things they need, may obtain them without selling themselves into slavery. Will there be wars then? If there is really nothing to fight about who will fight?

That, it seems to me, is the kernel of the nut. Wars are caused by fierce and predatory men who want to grab things before they are grabbed by their neighbors. But suppose there is nothing to grab! Then war will go the way of other outworn methods by which men have sought to survive. War will go the way of the armored dinosaurs and of the sabre-toothed tiger.

But how is this end to be brought about? Only by a realization of the socialist program: the collective ownership of what is now called capital; only by the extension of democracy beyond the field of politics and into the field of industry.

When through socialism democracy becomes a reality the phrase "human brotherhood" achieves meaning. Only then can the true love of comrades function. Only then can *Peace on Earth* be more than a utopian dream.

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For further particulars write to the Secretary of The New History Society,

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MESSAGE FROM MIRZA AHMAD SOHRAB
Director of The New History Society

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

We are standing at the threshold of a new era. About us, on the invisible plane, vast spiritual and intellectual forces are at attention, waiting to come to our assistance. In order to take advantage of these vibrant, beneficent powers we must clear our consciousness of the fogs and mirages of the past and then lift the translucent mirrors of our minds and hearts for the reflecting of the *Divine Purpose*. Without this inner transformation, without this rebirth, we shall not be able to contact these super-energies and use them for the building of a *New World*.

Today we are in the grip of hoary institutions that are striving to carry on their work with the outworn instruments born of antiquated ideologies. They are impotent in the face of the tremendous changes and developments that are manifest on every side. Like old trees, they have yielded their fruits and have withered; and now the ground on which they are standing is needed for the sowing of new seeds and the planting of new saplings.

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Intrenched in traditions, crippled by habits of thought and action, governments are unable to meet the demands of their awakening citizens; diplomacy ever grapples with problems that are beyond its control while economic patriotism, like a cancer, eats at the vital organs of the race. Religion, patterned on separatism and superiority, and organized on a commercial basis, is tottering to its downfall; the League of Nations, which attempted to build a new structure out of old material, lies prostrate and helpless before the rising ambitions of devastating dictatorships.

A few nations which have monopolized the greater portions of the land and of the material resources of the earth, raising high walls around their privileges, are like rich barons who choose to ignore the villagers perishing at their very gates. To protect these unwarranted possessions armies are standing, guns are mounted on all sides, and every sacrifice, in the form of blood, comfort, honor and happiness, is exacted of the people to maintain the status quo.

Then how can we under present conditions venture to hope for Universal Disarmament? The New History Society simply asserts that the priceless possession of a nation or of a community does not lie in its lands, its minerals, its agriculture, its factories, its water-power, its commerce. The priceless possession of the entire earth lies in its Youth. Youth is the inheritor of this spinning globe and the arbiter of its affairs. The Youth of today, reared during the convultions of a dying civilization, is not the youth that we have known in the past.

By observation and study, we have found that the young people of the nations are clamoring for the appearance of a new program in education, a

new set of ideals in politics, a new spirituality in religion. They sense the approach of a new method of dealing with tyranny, which shall consist of refusal to cooperate with the tryant. They demand security by means of "fair play" and not by means of anything else. In other words, the young people of the earth are planning the establishment of a *New Social Order*, based on international justice and solidarity, and achieved through the virgin method of non-violence.

Since time immemorial, the Prophets, such as Isaiah and Micah, such as Buddha and Jesus, have dreamed of the coming of a *Golden Age*, when swords will be changed into ploughshares and spears into pruning-hooks; when love will have transplanted hatred and compassion will have replaced exploitation. Now, we of this generation, the inheritors of the dreams of these Prophets, are incidentally the instruments for the carrying out of their Plan. Baha-U-Llah, the last of these great Educators, has announced that the time is ripe--that the time is here. He has called on us to put the dreams of the Prophets into effect *Today*.

Disarmament has not and will not be achieved by governments. Governments are not interested in it. They have deluded the people with slogans and sentimentalities and shibboleths. The sooner we realize this, the better; for then we will take hold, each and every one of us, and provide ourselves with those weapons that *will* bring about disarmament.

What are these weapons? The New History Society is propounding this question to men and women everywhere: *"How Can the People of the Earth Achieve Universal Disarmament?"* Observe! We are not asking this question of the governments nor of the religions, but of the *people*. The concern is theirs. Therefore, the solution must, and shall be theirs.

We hope that the people will raise their voices to the heavens so as to be heard even by the deaf politicians. We trust that they will reveal their strength in such manner as to be seen even by the blind. Let them articulate their grievances; announce their convictions, propose their plans and loose upon the earth such a flood of inspiration that the soul of mankind may be stirred, and its sensibilities sharpened and its existence purified.

Let the message go forth along the length and breadth of the land: the people of the world are the shapers of destiny; the people of the world are the masters of the earth; the people of the world are the keepers of humanity. Let the statesmen, let the leaders, let the priests and rabbis, mullahs and pundits realize, and realize as they never have before that the *voice of the people is the voice of God.*

May 1st, 1937 will be the closing date of this World Plebiscite. We invite the men, women and children of all races and all countries to make audible the heartfelt desire of nations for international comradship and for Universal Peace.

April 7, 1937

Dear Sir:

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I mailed you a manuscript today which contains one error on page five, second line from the bottom: the name of the congressman should be Braswell Deend and not Bardeen. And on page six, third line from the botton: "sneered Deend".

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

The Editor
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40 East 49th Street
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April 15, 1937

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Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am sorry to tell you that we are unable to use this article. It happens that we are desperately crowded with material just at present and have been forced to establish a virtual embargo against accepting any further articles unless they deal directly with developments in the news of such importance as to make them virtually mandatory. Thank you for letting us see your manuscript.

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Very truly yours,

J. R. Carskadon

Mr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

TRC:EB

July 19, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send my copy of the "New Republic" from July 17 to September 17 to:

210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3-A
New York City

instead of to Atlanta University.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

We will be glad to send you sheets of each article on your autobiography and are indeed happy to have your permission to use the same.

Cordially yours,

Dan Burley

DB:GB

DAN BURLEY
City Editor

[New York City]

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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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500 PARK AVENUE

JMS/w January 19, 1937.

16-7-25

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
210 West 150th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I enclose a preliminary statement of a proposed community center for Harlem, a center offering possibilities to the gifted and ambitious of the entire section.

I am exceedingly anxious to have a talk with you before you return to Atlanta. I should, therefore, greatly appreciate hearing from you as to whether this is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Sheehan

JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN
Associate Superintendent

Encl.

My telephone number is:
Volunteer 5-6600
Extension 385

[New York Board of Education] [Encl.?]

A HARLEM CENTER OF CULTURE

The City of New York has been, and should always be, alive to the cultural needs of its people. This opportunity for culture should not be withheld from any of its racial elements. Such a policy will tend to nurture the talents of all its people.

The Harlem community is lacking in facilities for art, music, drama, and adult education, although such latent talent exists which needs only favorable opportunity for expression. The development of this talent will add to the happiness of the people and redound to the advantage and reputation of the City.

Representative citizens of the Harlem community have at various times petitioned the City authorities to provide a place in which its people may give expression to their literary, artistic and musical aspirations.

The request is a laudable one. The denial of it would tend to repress such aspiration, the granting of it would be a great encouragement to the community.

There is much undeveloped talent, artistic, musical, and literary in the Harlem community. All that is needed to make it flourish is a suitable center, properly equipped, where capable and sympathetic leadership will foster and develop the talents of the people, where opportunity is provided for musical, literary and artistic endeavor, where there may be a suitable library depicting racial ideals and progress, so as to stimulate the population to high achievement.

Such center would be the spiritual focus of the community. Here the best efforts of its gifted members would be displayed for the encouragement and inspiration of all. In this center will be generated the "vision splendid" to encourage and stimulate the best in the community. Here will congregate those who have distinguished themselves by praiseworthy achievements in the arts, to encourage and inspire greater numbers of their fellow citizens. To this place the whole community will look as the home of its highest dreams and greatest endeavor.

To this place will come the master spirits of the Negro race to share their gifts with their people and inspire them to noble endeavor. To Harlem such center will be what Athens was to Greece, what Paris and Vienna are to Europe, great centers of racial culture, racial aspiration, and racial achievement.

SUGGESTED LOCATION FOR CENTER

The Young Women's Christian Association building, located at the southeast corner of Lenox Avenue and 124th Street, New York, N.Y., is admirably adapted for such center.

Proposal

The Welfare Department is now using this building under a lease. This agreement with the City expires December 31, 1936.

It is now proposed that the Board of Education lease this building for one year under the terms of the present lease, for a community cultural center or preferably that the City purchase the building at the present assessed valuation, viz., $240,000, and make provision for its continuous operation by the Board of Education for such cultural center.

PROPOSED SET UP

1. A Director or Executive Manager of the Center, to be a Negro, selected by the Board of Education, and chosen because of his sympathy, vision to see the illimitable possibilities of the project, and ability to conduct the center effectively.

2. A bi-racial advisory committee composed of persons of broad vision and sympathy to work with the Director in the making and carrying out of a program for the cultural advancement of the Harlem community.

3. A group of leaders or teachers in the fields of art, music, drama, health and adult education to put into effect the program agreed on.

4. The necessary custodial personnel for the use and upkeep of the building.

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APPROXIMATE COST OF PROGRAM

1.	Director	$ 7,500.
2.	Custodial Force	16,490.
3.	Fuel, 300 tons #1 buck at $6.44 a ton	1,932.
	and Cleaners' Supplies	400.
4.	10 Leaders or Teachers in Education, Art, Music, Drama, Health and Adult Education, at $2500 a year	25,000.
5.	Educational Supplies	7,760.
	Unforeseen Educational Needs	5,000.
6.	2 Clerical Help at $1200 a year	2,400.
	2 First Grade Clerks at $702 a year	1,404.
7.	Orchestral Instruments for Orchestra of 100	4,567.20
8.	Cost of a band of 50 pieces	4,051.90
9.	Cost of 90 Music Stands with light attachment	486.
10.	Cost of Music Library for Orchestra and Band	800.
11.	Art Equipment and Art Supplies (paints, brushes, etc.)	10,010.

FURNITURE

800 Chairs at $4.00 a chair	$ 3,200.
40 Tables at $25.00 a table	1,000.
300 Desk Chairs at $6.50 a chair	1,950.

Library depicting racial ideals and progress to be supplied without cost by the New York Public Library.

JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN
Associate Superintendent of Schools

[New York Board of Education]

[Encl.?]

JUSTIFICATION FOR A HARLEM CULTURE COMMUNITY CENTER

The proposed Center has the following points of merit. It is based on the recommendations of acknowledged intellectual leaders of the Negro race, persons of eminent ability, wisdom, vision, and culture, who are reliable interpreters of the needs and aspirations of their most capable young men and women. The judgment of these leaders is worthy of respect because it is founded on an intimate knowledge of local conditions, race history, race psychology. The feeling that this judgment is valued by the Board of Education will have an important reciprocal effect on the community attitude.

Sponsors of Project

Among the sponsors of this project are such leaders as

(1) James Weldon Johnson, brilliant authority on Negro history, culture, progress, and ideals, nationally known writer and lecturer, and professor at New York University and at Fiske University, Nashville, Tenn.
(2) Alain Locke, Harvard, brilliant Rhodes scholar, Oxford graduate and professor of philosophy at Howard University, Washington, D.C.
(3) Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, Atlanta University, nationally known thinker, writer and lecturer.
(4) Hall Johnson, noted choral teacher, supervised choral work in "Green Pastures."
(5) Mr. Aaron Douglas, President, Harlem Artists Guild.
(6) Dr. William Lloyd Imes, St. James Presbyterian Church.
(7) Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts, wife of former member of the Board of Education.
(8) Reverend John H. Johnson, The Church of St. Martin.
(9) Miss Cecilia Cabaniss Saunders, Executive Secretary, 137th Street Branch, Young Women's Christian Association, and many others.

- Effects of Center -

It is the reasoned judgment of these persons that such a Center will add to the happiness of the community and to the advantage of the City, that it will be a boon to all who are intellectually, musically, and artistically inclined. It will be a meeting place and club for the ambitious and the intelligent. In the words of Dr. Locke, "it will be a profound community influence and set a new educational precedent."

- Negro Thought and Attitude -

While there may be force in the argument that such Center should not be established in Harlem unless and until similar centers are established in other sections, there are, nevertheless, weighty considerations in favor of Harlem alone at this time. These considerations as conceived by the above mentioned leaders are historical, economic, and social.

- Historic Considerations -

Negro philosophers point to the fact that their progenitors were brought here unwillingly. They were seized in their original homes and carried hither by force. They and their descendants were kept in the chains of slavery for a hundred years. Some atonement for this, as Lincoln said, is a national obligation. Some meed of historic justice is truly their due.

- Economic Considerations -

Although they were later emancipated, their lot has improved, but not to a desirable degree. The City's Negro population of 350,000 is the submerged twentieth of the total population, "last to be hired, and first to be fired." Racial discrimination against the Negro on the part of the public utilities, private enterprises, and the labor unions has narrowed the field of his employment and denied him the chance for economic security that other groups enjoy. This has naturally produced a state of perpetual unemployment and an inordinate amount of leisure time.

Added to this is a distressing lack of cultural facilities, and yet there is no greater means by which the gifted and sensitive Negro may overcome an adverse environment than through excellence in art, music, and literature. A great deal of the climate of prejudice in which the Negro must carry on his fight for recognition as a man and a worthwhile member of the social group is the result of ignorance of his capabilities.

One leader says a Paul Laurence Dunbar, a Roland Hayes, a Paul Robeson, a Henry Tanner, a Countee Cullen - to name only a few, can do more to dissipate the fog of misunderstanding than any number of workers placed on jobs, for one would have to be insentient to have a cultural experience based on the work of one of them, and still feel that a Negro is ipso facto less than man, and entitled to less than manly prerogatives. Satisfaction of the cultural needs of the best in the community will act as a leaven for the entire population. Their satisfaction will be contagious.

The record of man's attainments in the arts is dotted with the names of those who have made contributions to our cultural heritage despite the handicaps of poverty and oppression; the statistics are not so readily available as to the number in which the divine spark never had a chance to flare, but was snuffed out by lack of opportunity. This Center will provide such opportunity.

- Social Considerations -

All these considerations have important social consequences. The restricted economic, cultural and social area in which he is compelled to live make it especially hard on the sensitive and finely constituted Negro. He feels cabined, confined. He is a caged bird. The pathos of this situation is finely revealed by the Negro poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar, in the following touching lines:

Sympathy

I know what the caged bird feels, alas!
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes;
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass,
And the river flows like a stream of glass;
When the first bird sings and the first bud opes,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals -
I know what the caged bird feels!

I know why the caged bird beats his wing
Till its blood is red on the cruel bars;
For he must fly back to his perch and cling
When he fain would be on the bough a-swing;
And a pain still throbs in the old, old scars,
And they pulse again with a keener sting -
I know why he beats his wing!

I know why the caged bird sings, ah me!
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore, -
When he beats his bars and he would be free;
It is not a carol of joy or glee,
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,
But a plea that upward to Heaven he flings -
I know why the caged bird sings!

Paul Laurence Dunbar

- Summary -

I find that the Negro thinkers above named are of one accord in the belief that the Harlem Culture Center will be "a profound community influence," that it will "cultivate latent ability," that it will "set a new educational precedent," that "its success will bring great satisfaction and credit to the City of New York" and that in its result on the finer thought, feeling and appreciation of Harlem will contribute as much or more than any project hitherto contemplated or achieved.

Joseph M. Sheehan
Associate Superintendent of Schools

~~Anthropology~~

Dr. Franz Olbrechts.

Prof. Ludwig

[New York City]

July 14, 1937

16-4-01

My dear Catherine,

Do you know where I could find in or near New York the best file of papers and magazines of West Africa edited by Negroes?

My best regards to the family, and to both of its gentleman members.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Catherine A. Latimer
The New York Public Library
103 West 135th Street
New York City

[New York City]

Catherine Palmer

16-4-02

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

103 W. 135th St.

July 31, 1937.

My dear Mr. DuBois:

I have held this letter waiting to see one of my african friends whom I was sure could give me the information you asked for Concerning a file of papers and magazines of West africa. There seems to be no definite place where one might find all of these periodicals but several places where a few might be found. The best place seems to be the Periodical and newspaper rooms of the 42nd St. Library; Union Theological Seminary of Course has a number of the missionary magazines. We carry in the Negro division at 135th St. West

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africa but I don't believe it is edited by negroes. a Mr. Rosamun Johnson of 57 W. 125th St. has a file of the Gold Coast Gazette and Mr. T. Walker, 180 Edgecombe Av. has a file of a Liberian paper. Columbia University has a few in its magazine dept. and I understand Max Yergen at 8 W. 40th St. has established a Bureau for African periodicals. I do hope these references will be of some assistance to you. I am now leaving for my vacation so that if you wish to communicate with me further during August, write me at home.

With best wishes to you from all of us ...

Sincerely,
Catherine Latimer

copy to: Mrs. Regina Andrews
116th Street Branch

16-4-91

210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

My dear Mrs. Latimer:

This will introduce to you my secretary, Miss Diggs. Miss Diggs during the next two weeks is going to look up in the libraries of New York certain standard definitions of the word Negro, defin tions in the best encyclopaedias, anthropologies, etc. Any help or advise you can give her will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Catherine Latimer
New York City Public Library
135th Street Branch
New York City

[New York State]

February 4, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me an application for registration for a private passenger vehicle?

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Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City
New York

25¢ postage [N.Y. State]

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 9, 1937

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find application for registering a motor vehicle for 1937.

The car which I owned in 1936, was sold according to the enclosed stub, and the plates returned to your office according to the enclosed receipt. The present car was bought in Atlanta in February and I am enclosing the car invoice which you will please return to me.

I am also enclosing my check for $19.~~85. I am not sure whether this is the correct amount or not. If it is not I shall be glad to remit the difference.~~

Please send the plates to my business office: Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City
New York

P. S. Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. Also twenty-five cents in stamps for postage on plates.

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Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City
New York

P. S. Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed.

Twenty-five cents in stamps for plates.

[c. February, 1937]

Form M. V.-17. 7-17-34-100,000 (3-456)

State of New York—Department of Taxation and Finance
Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
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Reg. No.	Reason for Return (Item listed below)	Reg. No.	Reason for Return (Item listed below)

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Before enclosed bill of sale can be accepted as verification of ownership, you will have to obtain a letter from the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the state of Georgia, certifying that the dealer, Anthony Buick Inc. is a registered dealer in said state. You will also have to execute enclosed affidavit, unused car. The correct fee covering the cost of 1937 license plates is $19.00.

1. Question checked _____ on application must be answered fully.
2. Fee of _____ dollars required.
3. Application must be signed by person applying for license or registration.
4. First or given name must be signed in full, not initials.
5. Application not acknowledged by notary.
6. Acknowledgment must be taken by notary public other than a person concerned in the transaction.
7. County not given by notary.
8. Date of acknowledgment not given.
9. Affidavit to amend motor number must be accompanied by a statement explaining the discrepancy of numbers and must be sworn to by a notary.
10. Return your incorrect certificate of registration with the enclosed amendment affidavit. The _____ of car does not agree with that given by former owner in his application for registration which is _____ (If same is incorrect or has been changed, former owner must file enclosed form.)
11. Full signature of signer required for proof of ownership on MV-50 or MV-51.
12. Proof of ownership required. (Form MV-50 or MV-51.)
13. Purchaser's name not given on Certificate of Sale.
14. Certificate of Sale must be signed. Person signing Certificate of Sale must give title.
15. Certificate of Sale not properly signed, incorrect or incomplete.

WARNING: DO NOT SEND CASH OR STAMPS BY MAIL AS THIS BUREAU WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS.

16. Reverse of Certificate of Sale (MV-50) must be filled out giving date of purchase, name and address of party from whom car was purchased.
17. Form MV-51 must be approved by Stolen Car Section or person authorized by County Clerk to sign. Signature in full required.
18. Bill of Sale must be returned to registrant.
19. Signature of Seller on reverse side of renewal stub omitted, incomplete or does not agree with original signature on certificate.
20. Date of re-registration incorrect according to date of acknowledgment.
21. Re-registration date not given.
22. Certificate of registration must be attached to obtain re-registration credit.

22A. Reverse of certificate of registration must be completely filled out giving notice of transfer of ownership or destruction of vehicle. Must be signed by owner and notary.

In cases where vender is deceased, the administrator or executor must sign or, Form MV-349 completely filled out is required. If car has not been used since date of purchase, Form MV-352 completely filled out, signed by the owner and sworn to before a notary is required.

23. The name of the partnership or corporation must appear where name and address of purchaser is asked for.
24. In the case of a co-partnership, Form MV-251 must be filled out. Each partner must enter his own name in his own handwriting, but any member may make the affidavit. An elected officer of a corporation must sign application or power of attorney furnished for any other person signing.
25. A vehicle may not be registered in the name of an estate. It may, however, be in the name of the administrator or executor. In cases where the vendor is deceased, the administrator or executor must sign.
26. Dealer's registration number and letter not given.
27. A married woman must sign her legal name—Mrs. Lucy Brown, not Mrs. John Brown.
28. An owner who is unable to sign his name must appear before a notary public or commissioner of deeds with a witness and sign the application with a cross (X) mark, same to be followed by signature in full of the witness.
29. Three photographs required.
30. Give date photographs were taken.
31. Fee, application and birth certificate must be presented together.
32. Evidence of age required. Every applicant under the age of 25 years is required to furnish a birth, baptismal or school certificate.
33. Facts as given do not conform to conditions stated on application.
34. Applicant's signature and that of parent or guardian must be acknowledged by someone authorized to take affidavits.
35. Application blank is for previous year. Enclosed form must be used.
36. Application must be filled in with ink.

[New York State]

Department of Sociology

February 24, 1937

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find application for registering a motor vehicle for 1937.

The car which I owned in 1936, was sold according to the enclosed stub, and the plates returned to your office according to the enclosed receipt. The present car was bought in Atlanta in February and I am enclosing the car invoice which you will please return to me.

I am also enclosing my check for $19.00, and twenty-five cents in stamps for postage on plates.

Please send the plates to my business office: Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City
New York

W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

June 17, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me an application for an operator's license? This is for the driver of a private car and a renewal of a license which I now hold No. 1151286, May 12, 1936.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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New York

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City

June 17, 1937

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W. E. B. Du Bois

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
155 WORTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

REFER TO

Administrative
Div.

June 21, 1937

Dr. W E B DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga

Dear Sir or Madam:

Responsive to your inquiry of recent date, would advise that due to a change in legislation regarding the issuance of chauffeur and operator licenses, we will be unable to furnish you with operator's renewal blanks on or before Sept. 1, 1937.

Because of this delay your current operator's license will be valid until Sept. 30, 1937.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES
BY

I. James Brody
Deputy Commissioner

EA

210 West 150th Street
New York City

September 8, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me an application for an operator's license? This is for a private car. I applied last June but was told that the renewal stubs would not be ready until September.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City

December 4, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me an application for registration for a private passenger vehicle?

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-14

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
155 Worth Street
New York City
New York

January 8, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please send to:

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

copies of the daily and the Sunday New York Times beginning with the edition of February 1, 1937 and continuing until June 1, 1937?

Please send a bill for the cost.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

The New York Times
Mail Subscription Division
Times Square
New York City, New York

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

May 5, 1937

Gentlemen:

Will you please extend the subscription for the daily and Sunday New York Times until July 24, 1937 for

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Please send bill for the cost.

Very truly yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

The New York Times
Mail Subscription Division
Times Square
New York City, New York

15-29

July 19, 1937

Gentlemens

Please discontinue my copy of the "Times" sent to Atlanta at the expiration of the subscription, July 24, as I leave the city at that time.

Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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The New York Times
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Form 70

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

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Gentlemen:

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Very truly yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

New York Times

New York City

Northmere Hotel
4943 KENMORE AVENUE
AT ARGYLE
LONGBEACH 4234
CHICAGO

1937

Request for information

June 26, 1937.

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,

Dear Sir

I have just finished reading your article, The Forum of Fact and Opinion, in the current issue of the Pittsburgh Courier.

I was greatly impressed by your Consumers Coöperation paragraph and am now writing you and asking for more information along that line as I would like to organize just such a coöperation or stimulate the organizing of such an interprise.

16-12-4

Northmere Hotel
4943 KENMORE AVENUE
AT ARGYLE
LONGBEACH 4234
CHICAGO

16-12-5

I was in business in a Southern City and Chain store competition forced me to either close or run a one man store.

I would also like to know something of the Rochdale Pioneers of England.

Enclosed you'll find postage.

Thanking you for an immediate personal reply.

Respectfully yours,
Henry Nichols
4943 Kenmore ave.
Chicago, Ill.

July 1, 1937

16-12-6

My dear Sir:

If you will follow my articles in the "Courier" you will find advice as to how to organize a cooperative store, also by writing to the Cooperative League of America, 167 West Twelfth Street, New York City, you can get a list of literature on cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Henry Nichols
Northmere Hotel
4943 Kenmore Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

[Nippon P.E.N. Club]

February 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Katumoto:

I have just returned to America and I remember with great pleasure the dinner which the Nippon P. E. N. Club gave me December 16. I want you to know how I appreciate the opportunity of meeting the various persons there.

That night there was a photograph taken. I wonder if it would be possible at this late date to get me a copy of it?

16-10-4

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Zeiitiro Katumoto
Secretary of the Nippon P. E. N. Club
Kyodo Building, Sukiyabashi, Ginza
Tokyo, Japan

[North American Congress of Professional Workers]

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November 11, 1937

Draft Proposal for North American Congress of Professional Workers

Prepared by a special committee appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Inter-Professional Association for submission to leading professional workers who might sign the call; and for consideration at the National Council meeting of IPA in New York, November 27

Theme of the Congress: Organization of Professional Workers for Social Economic Orientation

Rapidly changing social economic conditions on the North American continent and the awakening of professional workers to the importance of the role which they can play in social change all indicate the great desirability of taking council together at this time, to consider the common problems facing professional workers along with other workers and to plan for the strengthening of existing organizations and the development of new procedures and methods to give effect to these interests. It is proposed to draw together for such a congress individuals and organizations definitely committed to social economic purposes for the professions. These organizations include, in the first place, the unions of professional workers. In the professions which are outside the scope of unionization, such as self-employed doctors and lawyers, those groups would be included which have already declared their interest in the social economic program appropriate to their professions.

Examination of these movements and interests indicates already a very general conviction that the professional workers of America must be organized, and that their organizations must be related closely to the labor movement. With labor taking its logically important place in the life of America, with the political scene shifting to a new orientation based on trade union action in labor parties, it becomes imperative that those who work in the professions find their place alongside the organized workers as a definite part of this movement. It becomes axiomatic that professional workers must be a part of this movement which is fast becoming a definite political and economic force. To be part of this new force, the professions must be organized. Organized professional workers, as a definite part of organized labor, could be a factor guaranteeing social security for all of working America.

Having in mind this general theme, the congress is proposed as a method of stimulating and planning organization. The following steps would be taken toward this end:

(1) A sponsoring committee of individuals, including those active in professional organizations having an economic program, would be called together by self-appointment to consider the project.

(2) These individuals would test the possibilities of broad support for such a congress by professional organizations and would arrange for a joint committee representative of these organizations. Such a committee, once appointed, would be not a delegate body but an independent executive committee for the organization of the congress. The organizations whose participation would be important would include the American Federation of Teachers, the American Newspaper Guild, the United Office and Professional Workers' Union of America, the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, the National Lawyers' Guild, the Authors' League of America. (This list would be immediately expanded.)

16-10

(3) The preliminary negotiations should result immediately in the raising of funds for the appointment of a full-time executive secretary to develop further details.

(4) The program would include general public meetings and round table discussions of specific organizational problems common to all groups. The public meetings should result in demonstrating the important contribution which the professions have to make to community life on the North American continent; while serving also to enlist the interest of wider and wider groups of professional workers in united action for democracy and peace and the development of such policies in the nations of the North American continent as will contribute to world peace.

The Inter-Professional Association stands ready to supply facilities for the initial steps, but the carrying through of the program would depend upon the response to the first invitation to individuals and organizations.

November 22, 1937

List of those invited to give their opinions concerning the tentative proposal for a North American Congress of Professional Workers

Dr. Thomas Addis
Haywood Broun
Malcolm Cowley
Kyle Crichton
Jerome Davis
Paul de Kruif
W. E. Burghardt DuBois
Osmond K. Fraenkel
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Robert Morss Lovett
Lewis Merrill
Ely Oliver
Elmer Rice
Dr. Henry E. Sigerist
Genevieve Taggard
Worth M. Tippy
James Waterman Wise
Max Yergan

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February 8, 1937

Dear President Bluford:

Please permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6, 1936, and to say that the charge for two lectures by Dr. Du Bois will be $75.00.

16-7-14

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

President F. D. Bluford
The Agricultural and Technical College
Greensboro, North Carolina

February 10, 1937

My dear President Bluford:

I beg to say in answer to your letter of November 6, 1936, that I could speak at your college Monday, April 26. The charge would be fifty dollars. May I hear from you at your convenience?

16-7-15

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President F. D. Bluford
The Agricultural and Technical College
Greensboro, North Carolina

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

E. R. HODGIN, SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Agricultural and Technical College

of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.

2/24/37

February 23, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Ga.

16-7-16

My dear Dr. DuBois:

When I received the letter from your secretary, we had made a tentative engagement that may conflict with your coming on April 26. For that reason, I will not be in psotion to give you a definite answer until after March 18. Soon after that date, however, I shall advise you whether or not it will be possible for us to have you. I am certainly hoping that we may have the privilege of hearing you at A. and T. this year.

Sincerely yours,

F. D. Bluford,
PRESIDENT

FDB:M

March 11, 1937

16-7-17

My dear President Bluford:

I regret to say that the date April 26 which I offered you for a lecture has been taken. The only other date I could offer you would be Saturday, April 24.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President F. D. Bluford
Agricultural and Technical College
Greensboro, North Carolina

F. D. BLUFORD, PRESIDENT

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The Agricultural and Technical College

of North Carolina

GREENSBORO, N. C.
March 24, 1937

3/25/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta
Ga.

16-7-81-8

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter stating that you could come only on the 24th of April has been received.

I regret that we have another engagement for that time. In view of that fact we must forego the pleasure of having you this year. I hope, however, that another year it will be possible for us to have you address our student body and faculty.

Very truly yours,

F. D. Bluford,
PRESIDENT

FDB:M

February 10, 1937

Dear President Shepard:

I beg to say in answer to your letter of November 13, 1936, that I could speak at your college Saturday, April 24, 1937. The charge would be fifty dollars. May I hear from you at your convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

15-28-40

North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Lectures pending - 1937

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15-28-41

February 15, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter. Saturday, April 24th, will not be a good date, If you can speak for us on Sunday, April 25th, we can use your lecture at that time. Let me hear from you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

Department of Sociology

February 18, 1937

My dear President Shepard:

In accordance with your letter of February fifteenth I beg to say that I could speak for you Sunday, April 25. Will you let me know the exact hour of the lecture? I presume it would be at night about eight o'clock. The charge will be fifty dollars.

Best regards to you and your family.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

15-28-42

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

February 25, 1937

15-28-43

My dear Dr. Shephard:

I am going to speak Sunday, April 25, at Vespers in Winston-Salem, and shall then drive over to Durham, arriving about 7:30. I imagine that will be quite in time for the Sunday night meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. James E. Shephard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

3/1/37

July 27/37

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta Ga

Atlanta Ga

Dear Dr. DuBois:-

Your letter to hand- Our Sunday service is invariably at 3 P.M- We could not make a success of a Saturday or Sunday evening service.

If this conflicts with Winston-Salem- There is nothing else but to ask you for another date- Please let me know concerning this at once

With all good wishes

Sincerely yours

J.E. Shepard

15-28-44

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March 1, 1937

President J. E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

How would Monday April twenty-six do for a lecture.

W. E. B. Du Bois

charge to Walnut 4953

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North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

15-28-46

March 1, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I acknowledge receipt of your telegram. Monday, April 26th will be quite satisfactory to us. We are looking forward to your coming with pleasurable anticipation.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

James E. Shepard
President

JES:HHH

March 4, 1937

My dear Dr. Shepard:

In accordance with your letter of March 1, I should be glad to speak at your college, Monday, April twenty-sixth.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

15-28-47

15-28-48

April 20, 1937

My dear President Shepard:

I shall arrive in Durham by automobile from Winston-Salem about noon Monday, April 26, to lecture for you Monday night. I shall leave early Tuesday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

President James E. Shepard
North Carolina College for Negroes
Durham, North Carolina

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta Georgia.

[North Georgia Review]

December 13, 1937.

Dear Mr. DuBois:

Please let us thank you for your subscription to the North Georgia Review and for the little notation on your leaflet which we enjoyed.

We should like very much for you to review John Dollard's Caste and Class in a Southern Town for us if you have the time and interest to give to it. We know you are a very busy person and should be grateful to you if you can be so generous with your time. The Review can pay only in the book itself. We personally think the book of unusual merit and hope you will care to do it. Kind wishes, Sincerely, Lillian Smith

15-31-37

Request book & article

ISmi-3B

December 17, 1937

My dear Miss Smith:

I shall be glad to review Dollard for you if you will let me do it sometime after the holidays.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lillian Smith
The North Georgia Review
Clayton, Georgia

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A Magazine of the Southern Regions, Published Quarterly at
CLAYTON, GEORGIA

PAULA SNELLING
LILLIAN E. SMITH
Editors

December 22, 1937

15-21-39

Dear Mr. DuBois:

I am writing Yale University Press today to send direct to you a copy of Dollard's CASTE AND CLASS. The winter issue of our Review goes to press about January 15th if our reviewers can get their material in by then. If not we shall have to hold it up a few days. The book is not so long and I hope you will find it interesting and fruitful reading.

Please criticise our efforts frankly whenever you feel a desire to do so. I have lately had the feeling - a kind of frustrated feeling too - that we may too much (or I do) scold and nag, are too fault finding. Not that these strictures are not deserved and obviously so, but from a more pragmatic angle are we going to succeed in doing what we set out to do? If our little paper ever grows into a journal of any influence in the South it must be read by southerners. At the present time we have more northern subscribers than southern - a significant commentary, isn't it. We have at present almost 200 paid subscribers. We send the little paper out to 1000 people. Each issue steadily brings us in new subscribers and our old ones are renewing nicely but it costs $500.00 a year just to print and distribute the four issues. We should be paying our contributors too. It seems to me a monthly magazine of the same size would stimulate more interest and sustain it better and would quite possibly increase our subscription list in greater ratio-speed than at present. Because we can publish only four times a year we are restricted by lack of physical space in our scope of interests. I think we should for instance have two or three pages for a forum of letters; a page or two for the arts, articles on folk culture movements, on crafts etc. etc., more reviews of significant European books, more fiction, and a one-page biographical sketch of a southerner who is making a real contribution to the South and more photographs, cuts, drawings, etc. Our policy, as I think perhaps you have already perceived, is to make no distinction in white and colored contributors (that is, no racial discrimination of any kind but some stress on racial prejudices and their evils) or artists or themes but we do believe it advisable to limit usually (there should be some exceptions) the bulk of subjects treated to those which have a direct relevancy to the South - yet always extending our line of vision to include even if obliquely, international affairs and thought. More explicitly when we review a book we should not only appraise it in relation to other southern books but extend our critical values to include

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comparison with the 'best' in its line wherever found: American, European, or Oriental. That is, I realize with more humility than I perhaps suggest, an ambitious plan but perhaps not too apt to fail entirely if the editors discipline their minds and emotions rigidly enough.

I have several little projects in mind for awakening more interest among the colleges and for securing more cooperation and help from our subscribers (although they have shown already a generosity beyond our dreams). If from your wide experience and your wisdom you can offer us advice we shall be deeply grateful to you.

Please come by to see us if you are ever up here or passing through. In January we plan to be in New York for a month. Just now we are spending the winter in my mother's little summer cabin near Woodland Lodge. June, July, August, September we spend up at my camp, Laurel Falls Camp. But at any time we can be easily located by telephone and shall be so glad to have you come out to our home.

Good wishes for a happy Christmas,

Sincerely yours,

Lillian E. Smith

March 20, 1937

16-5-24

My dear Mr. Nyabongo:

We are proposing to publish an Encyclopaedia of the Negro. The funds are not yet secured but probably will be. I am seeking cooperation of scholars, white and colored, in America and Africa and other parts of the world. You will see by the enclosed literature that we have many offers of cooperation. In addition to these we have Malinowski of England, De Cleene of Belgium, Westermann and von Eickstedt of Germany, Woelfel of Austria, and Homburger of France, and others. I am writing to ask if you would be interested in this work and would cooperate with us. I understand that you are studying anthropology. I shall be very glad to hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Akiki K. Nyabongo
The Queen's College
Oxford, England

Enquiries

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THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE,

OXFORD.

April 17. 1937.

16-7-44

Dear Mr. Du Bois.

Thank you for your letter. I am intensely interested in the proposed subject. and should be glad to co-operate when I know more particularly what it is that you require.

I am studying anthropology here and received my B. Litt. at the November convocation.

Will you send me further

information as soon as you can? I am making many plans in advance and might have to modify some of them if I arrange to help you.

yours sincerely

Kyotomo

[OBERLAENDER TRUST]

January 11, 1937

Gentlemen:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to thank you for the copy of "German Influence in American Education and Culture" by Dr. John A. Walz. It will be brought to his attention when he returns to his desk the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 4, 1937

15-29-53

My dear Madam:

As one of the appreciative beneficiaries of the Oberlaender Trust, I wish to express to you my deep sorrow at learning of the death of Mr. Gustav Oberlaender. He was one of the benefactors of Germany and the world.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Gustav Oberlaender
Reading
Pennsylvania

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15-29-54

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your good letter of February 6. I shall be interested in hearing more about your observations during your stay in Germany and hope we can arrange to meet when you come North in the Spring.

Sincerely yours,

Wilbur K. Thomas

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WILBUR K. THOMAS

January 6, 1937

My dear Mrs. Occomy:

I have your letter of December 26, 1936. Your letter will be brought to Dr. Du Bois' attention when he returns to his desk sometime the early part of February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. Marita B. Occomy
6724 Evans Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Atlanta, Georgia

16-18-22

Social Menu - 1937

6724 Evans Avenue, (1937?)
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Dubois:-

Like the hardy perennials, I crop up again!

This time, I seek a Rosenwald fellowship (since the Guggenheim group refused me one last year). Still - I mean to write.

And again, I seek permission to use your name for reference.

I see that Charles Johnson is on the Rosenwald Council in re these fellowships.

Thurs.

I love his picture of the Hands. You made Bayreuth very real.

It would not be sensible to say I envy you your trip for I was brought up on the good old belief that you (I mean people) earn them — both good and evil.

And it is very nice that you were rewarded by so lovely an experience.

I hope I have washed enough dishes and scrubbed and dug enough to earn the opportunity to think and write!!

That would augur evil in my direction if I would let it.

Mr. Johnson never thought I could write. In fact he told me once that I ought to live in the South — because I so wrote like a Yankee!

Now I should need all the recommendations that I can muster — to pass his spectacles.

We have enjoyed your Courier column immensely. Did you go to Nürnberg and see the home of Albrecht Dürer? Do write about it if you did.

My best wishes to Mr. Dubois —
and the little grand-daughter!

And do not forget to write about
Nürnberg, please!

Sincerely,
Maida Brown Cleary

Mrs. Marita Odette Bonner Occomy) Creative Writing

PLAN OF WORK

While a student at Radcliffe, I took a course in Race Mixture with Dr. E. A. Hooten of the Anthropological Department at Harvard. One of the text books used was E. B. Reuter's "The Mulatto in the United States."

The book was so utterly false in some respects that I attacked its value to Dr. Hooten. Although he listened to what I had to say, he told me that until Negroes wrote about themselves, no authentic pieces of writing would ever be produced about them.

16-6-58

Science was not my major field. I had always intended to write and had taken all courses offered in writing by Radcliffe.

Since all people read stories - and since most people only get their knowledge of the colored race from what they read, books which are as sociologically revealing as were the stories of Myra Kelly (who wrote of Ghetto life in New York) need to be written in this field.

It is true that I was born and lived my earliest days entirely away from my own race, but no one - not even a colored person who was born and reared in a Black Belt - could be more acutely impressed with the qualities and values of the sociological and economic problems of the race.

I have made an intensive study of the Black Belts in Washington (D.C.) and Chicago - the only cities where I have lived among Negroes. In Washington I was secretary of the first colored settlement house.

And in proof of the fact that my stories have had value in this particular direction, I cite the following:

(a) In 1928, after the publication of "Drab Rambles" (which won the Amy Spingarn prize of $200 in 1927 offered through the Crisis) Mr. Wayne Hopkins, head of the Armstrong Association (The Urban League branch)

in Philadelphia wrote to Dr. DuBois and asked permission to reprint the story in pamphlet form. He wished to distribute the story among people whom the association hoped to interest in the purpose of the League. He called attention to the fact that the story gave an entirely true picture of economic conditions among colored working people in Philadelphia. I had not studied conditions there. (b) I respectfully call attention to a clipping from Page 251 of Opportunity for August, 1934, which is appended to this application. It is a comment on the story "Tin Can" (which won the prize for $100 for the best short story in the Literary Contest of 1934) by Mr. Royal Davis, Editor of Vocational Guidance, and Mr. John Farrar of the publishing firm of Farrar and Rhinehart. (c) Excerpts from a letter written me by Mr. Elmer Carter, editor of Opportunity, the voice of the National Urban League.

16-9-69

I believe that intensive work on my part will add to the stories of Negroes that can be called true pictures of their life.

I wish to take the course in Authorship offered by the Mawson Editorial School at Wellesley, Massachusetts, by correspondence. This is the only graduate and professional writing school in the country.

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"The prize-winning story, "Tin Can," is an excellent example of simple, straightforward realism. Yet it is not stark realism - it is realism touched with the magic called art, without which realism falls short of being literature. Everybody has seen Jimmy Joe dancing in the street. Everybody has seen Little Brother. Everybody has known the Mother. But it is not enough to have beheld these characters in the flesh. The author of "Tin Can" saw beneath the surface into their significance. She sympathized with their problem. And she was able to make her readers see what she saw. This is art." (Royal Davis)

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"Finally, I will say this. I do not know of anyone writing today about Negroes who has such a detailed knowledge of the habits, the mental attitudes, and the conditions under which Negroes live in the great black ghettos of the cities. This city you wrote about is every city where Negro children are born and reared. There is no one in America who is writing who has such a grasp on this material as you and no one I know of who can handle it with more sureness, power, than you have demonstrated in your manuscripts submitted to Opportunity." (Elmer H. Carter)

February 4, 1937

My dear Mrs. Occomy:

I talked about you and your work to the authorities of the Rosenwald Fund when I was passing through Chicago recently, and I am sending them today an answer to their circular of information. I hope you may be able to get a grant.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Marita Odette Occomy
6724 Evans Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

February 10, 1937

16-5-11

My dear Dr. Oldham:

I have at last reached my desk after my trip around the world including Russia, China, and Japan. I am getting back to my project of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, and I should like to emphasize the things I said in our conference. I am enclosing some literature. I hope you will let us use your name as one interested and willing to cooperate with this work. In addition to the list of persons on this letterhead who are cooperating with the project we have also: Professor von Eickstedt of the University of Breslau, Professor Malinowski of the University of London, Professor Woelfel of the University of Vienna, Professor Leo Frobenius of Frankfurt, Professor De Cleene of Belgium, Professor Homburgher, director of the Ecole Practique des Hautes Etudes, Paris; and several others. I have also gotten in touch with Professor Macmillan of Oxford and hope to hear from him soon. I want very much to have the influence and cooperation of the best English scientists and experts.

I should like to have any suggestions as to other persons with whom I might communicate. I want to get the best scientific knowledge of our day on the subject of the Negro race cooperating in an attempt to publish a short, accurate encyclopaedia of about four volumes to be published between 1938 and 1942. We have not yet secured the funds but we hope to appeal to the various foundations here, and the cooperation of the people in England will greatly influence their decision.

I wonder what the present situation is of Sir Malcolm Hailey's African Research Survey. I want very much to fit in our work with it if it can be done in any way. Would it be possible to communicate with any of the persons interested in this Survey so as to get their sympathy and cooperation? Any suggestions that you have will be deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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Oldham

25th February, 1937.

Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta,
Ga.,
U.S.A.

Enc. of the negro

3/9/37

Dear Professor Du Bois,

Thank you for your letter of February 10th. I am glad to know that you have got home safely after your prolonged journeyings which must have been full of interest.

I should like to be of more help to you but, as I explained to you when we met, I have been temporarily switched away from African interests and committed to a task of preparation for the Oxford Conference this year which in several directions makes greater demands than I have the time and strength to meet. I am therefore wholly without leisure of mind at present to give serious thought to other matters.

As regards people who might help, I assume that you are already in touch with the two Directors of the African Institute, Professor Westermann and Professor Labouret. Professor Westermann would be one of the best advisors that you could have in regard to scholars who are specialists in African subjects. In this country Dr. Evans Pritchard, who is lecturer in Anthropology at Oxford, is a man of wide knowledge and first rate ability. Several of the Fellows of the Institute are people of brilliant parts and might be

16-1-41

of assistance to you. I am thinking in particular of Dr. S.F. Nadel (Nigeria), Dr. Günter Wagner (Kenya), Dr. M. Fortes (Gold Coast), Mrs. H. Kuper (Swaziland), Miss Margaret Read (Nyasaland), Mr. Godfrey Wilson (Tanganyika), Mr. K. Oberg (Uganda), Dr. S. Hofstra (Sierra Leone).

You are doubtless already in touch with Professor Schapera at Cape Town and Mrs. Hoernlé at Johannesburg. You could not have better advisers in South Africa. I am afraid that this is merely telling you things with which you are already thoroughly familiar.

Lord Hailey's Survey will not be completed before the end of the year. If you desire to keep in touch with it I would suggest your writing to the very able Secretary of the Survey, Miss Hilda Matheson, Chatham House, 10 St. James' Square, S.W.1.

With warm regards and good wishes,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

J.H. Oldham

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Lectures - 1937

February 20, 1937.

Dr.W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Very soon I shall be going to press with our list of available speakers for forums and clubs in the 1937-38 Season.

The year just closing has been the most active one the Bureau has ever enjoyed. We have made more engagements, and over a territory that has covered Canada to Florida and west to Colorado. There is every prospect that the coming year will see a further increase in our bookings.

Whether you can spare much time or only a little for public lecturing, I should like to have your continued cooperation. Will you let me know any needed revision in your subjects, biographical data, terms etc? I shall be most grateful for your prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,
Mildred C. Smith
Executive Secretary.

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DuBOIS, W. E. B.
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3/29/37

March 26, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Lectures - 1937

Dear Dr. DuBois:

15-28-16

Early in April we wrote you that we had recommended you to Dr. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, as an excellent person for a leader in the Federal Forum Projects being established by the government in the various United States communities.

As we wrote at the time, in order to facilitate booking arrangements we suggested to Dr. Studebaker that he or various local forums contact you direct with reference to bookings. And we explained that we felt it would be unfair to take our full 25% commission on resulting engagements, but 10% seemed to us a fair amount.

We have not endeavored to keep track of the speakers used by the Federal Forums except to notice that many of our recommendations had been followed and that our speakers were acting as leaders in a good many of them.

As the season approaches its close we are checking up to see just which speakers were used and to find out their appointments, financial compensation, and what is due the Bureau as its 10% commission.

I shall appreciate a brief report from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

April 13, 1937

My dear Miss Smith:

I thank you for recommending me to Dr. Studebaker, but I was unable to take the two projects offered to me: one in the West and one in Dayton, Ohio. My absence in Europe and Asia prevented.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Open Forum Speakers Bureau
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15-28-17

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Lectures Pending

June 14, 1937.

16-9-11

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

6/16/37

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Y.M.C.A. in Dayton, Ohio, is to present a series of eight forum speakers next season and I find your name on the list of speakers whom they especially wish to include.

Their meetings will be held on Monday evenings:-

January 17, 31
February 14, 28
March 14, 28
April 11, 25.

Will you let me know immediately on which of the above dates you would be available and any preference that you may have, and the honorarium you would require.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

Executive Secretary.

MS:W

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June 17, 1937

16-9-12

My dear Miss Smith:

I have your letter of June 14. I am not quite sure about my lecture arrangements for 1937, as we have just elected a new president whose consent I must have, but I presume I shall be lecturing as usual in February. I can, therefore, make a tentative engagement for February fourteenth providing I can confirm this in the early fall. My charge would be sixty dollars out of which I would pay my expenses and your honorarium.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
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Boston, Massachusetts

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Lectures pending 1937

July 7, 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-9-13

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Temple Israel in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is planning a forum for the coming season, meeting preferably on Monday or Wednesday evenings beginning in September, the lectures to come about five or six weeks apart through the fall, winter and early spring. They will have about six or seven hundred dollars to spend on the entire series of seven meetings.

Your name is on the list of the dozen speakers they are most anxious to consider for the forum and I am writing to ask you to suggest available dates for them and the necessary honorarium. Their committee will meet in August to make definite arrangements for the program but must have information on hand as to dates and terms. Please suggest both Mondays and Wednesdays as it is not certain yet which meeting night will be decided upon.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

July 10, 1937

16-9-14

My dear Miss Smith:

Answering your letter of July 7, I beg to repeat what I said June 17. I am not quite sure about my lectures for 1937-38, as we have just elected a new president and I have to get his consent as to my lecturing. But I presume I shall be lecturing in February. I can, therefore, make a tentative engagement for Uniontown, Pennsylvania on February 16, 21, or 23 providing I can finally confirm this in the early fall. My charge would be one hundred dollar out of which I would pay my own expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Mildred C. Smith
Little Building, Room 1242
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

October 15, 1937

16-9-15

My dear Miss Smith:

I am going to make my lecture trip in February and this is to confirm my offer to speak at Dayton, February fourteenth. The charge is to be sixty dollars out of which I would pay my expenses and your honorarium. I should be glad to have the decision as soon as possible. Also with regard to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, I could speak for them the sixteenth or the twenty-first. The charge would be one hundred dollars. I should be glad to hear from these offers at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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BOSTON, MASS.

October 28, 1937.

16-9-16

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr.DuBois:

I am sorry to write that the Dayton Forum long ago had to close its program and they are having Hubert Herring on February 14. Also the Uniontown program is filled by this time.

Rabbi Levi at Temple Israel, Boston, inquired a day or two ago what speakers might be available for Race Relations Sunday, February 6. He would like someone for the regular Sunday morning service at his Temple, Boston. I have recommended you to him. You might send me a card indicating whether or not you are available that morning, and what fee you would require.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred C. Smith

MS:W

Executive Secretary.

November 17, 1937

16-9-17

My dear Miss Smith:

I regret to say that it would be impossible for me to be in Boston February 6. I am sorry. I have the following engagements: Wheeling, West Virginia February 15; Indianapolis, February 20. If you have any engagements in the vicinity that I could fill at that time I should be glad to know.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mildred C. Smith
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Boston, Massachusetts

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My dear Dr. DuBois:

Several days ago I received a book written by Willis N. Huggins and John J. Jackson entitled INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN CIVILIZATION, and I am writing to ask if you would not be kind enough to write a review of from 750 to 1,000 words of this book. I would like to publish this review in the September issue of OPPORTUNITY, which means that it would have to be in this office at least by the 16th of this month.

16-14-2

If you can review it, please write me immediately and I will send the book to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Elmer A. Carter

Elmer A. Carter
EDITOR

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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210 West 150th Street
New York City
September 7, 1937

My dear Mr. Carter:

16-14-3

Your letter of August 5, after various wanderings, has just reached me. I could not review Huggins and Jackson's book before October. If you want me to undertake it then I shall be glad to. I presume this response will be too late.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Elmer A. Carter
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16-14-4

My dear Dr. DuBois:

It is not too late for the review since I have refrained from attempting to get anyone else to review it until I heard from you.

I appreciate this very much.

I suppose you have a copy of the book, but if you wish the review copy sent to you I will gladly send it.

Very sincerely yours,

EAC/MLA

Elmer A. Carter
EDITOR

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
New York, N. Y.

September 27, 1937

My dear Mr. Carter:

16-14-5

Mr. Huggins sent me directly a copy of "African Civilizations", and I have read it. I think I had rather not write a review of it. There is a great deal in it that is valuable but much that I should criticize unfavorably, and I hesitate to do this in the case of these young authors who are beginning a career in a good cause.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Elmer A. Carter
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Elmer Anderson Carter

Editor

October
Fourth
1937

16-14-6

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I thank you for your letter. I need not say how sorry I am, but I do hope that you will review some book for me in the future or write an article for me on some phase of race relations which you think deserves attention and reflection.

Very sincerely yours,

EAC/MLA

Elmer A. Carter

Elmer A. Carter
EDITOR

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 6, 1937

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

I am very much oblige to you for your letter of December 14, which arrived during my absence from the city. On behalf of Dr. Du Bois, permit me to thank you for sending the name and address of the Secretary of the Second Afro-Brazilian Congress and also to thank you for the copies of the "Revista Bimestre Cubana". This scholarly journal and your cooperation definitely assures that the topics dealing with Cuba will be as authoritative as any others in the proposed Encyclopaedia.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Mr. Fernando Ortiz
Calle L esq. 27
Vedado
Habana, Cuba

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

el 6 de enero, 1937

Mi querido Dr. Ortiz:

Le estoy agradecido por su carta del 14 de diciembre, la cual llego durante mi ausencia de la ciudad. En favor de Dr. Du Bois, permitame darle las gracias a Vd. por el favor de enviar el nombre y la direccion del secretario del Segundo Congreso Afrobrasileiro y por las copias de la "Revista Bimestre Cubana". Este periodico erudito y la cooperacion suya nos aseguran definitivamente que los temas que tratan de Cuba seran tantos autoritativos como cualesquier en la enciclopedia propuesta.

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Sinceramente,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
Calle L esq. 27
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Habana, Cuba

FERNANDO ORTIZ
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Habana, enero 22, 1937.

16-1-41

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Estimado Mr. Logan:

Tengo su carta del día 6 de enero, que le agradezco mucho. Al mismo tiempo me place informarle que tanto Ud. como el Dr. Du Bois me tienen a su disposición para cualquier cosa en que pueda yo serles útil.

Cuando me escriba, puede hacerlo indistintamente en ingles o en español.

Devotamente,

Fernando Ortiz.

March 16, 1937

16-2-2

My dear Dr. Ortiz:

I wish to confirm Mr. Rayford W. Logan's letters of November 12 and 30.

I am personally very happy that you have given us your cooperation in the preparation of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. In reply to your letter of January 22, 1937, to Mr. Logan permit me to say that I shall be happy to send you a check in the sum of twenty dollars as soon as the list has been prepared.

If in the meanwhile there are any questions concerning topics to be included I shall be very happy to communicate with you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Fernando Ortiz
Calle L esq. 27
Vedado
Habana, Cuba

Department of Sociology

January 23, 1937

My dear Mr. Osborne:

I am herewith returning the following articles:

16-5

"Mico College - British West Indies"
"Three British Policies of the 19th Century"
"Events Which Led to Emancipation in the British West Indies"

by Hodge Kirnon which you mailed to Dr. Du Bois under date of June 27, 1936.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

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June 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-12-2

Dear Sir:

The Fourth Lecture Series from July 1937 to June 1938 has begun since the establishment of our institution, The Pacific Society of Religious Education, Inc.

Friends, you are cordially invited to participate with us in our program of lectures for they are extended to both Japanese and American audiences and we urge your untimely consideration for them. The questions for discussion deal with the present situation of the Japanese race in America.

These lectures are being led by the leaders of our organization who have dealt with the many social problems confronting the Japanese people in this country.

Our underlying principles is to create a true understanding between Japan and America and to promote an eternal friendship. Hence, we ask if institution might provide at sometime a timely visit with us and share a few moments in discussion of the welfares of our people and our country.

We shall copperate in every way to extend our appreciation for your sincerity. We remain,

Respectfully yours,

Takeshi Ban

Pacific Society of Religious Education, Inc

July 10, 1937

16-12-5

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 30, and I am sympathetic with your lecture program. I am afraid it would be impossible for us to visit you but if we should be in the far west we should be glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Reverend Takeshi Ban
Pacific Society of Religious Education
505 South Cummings Street
Los Angeles, California

Department of Sociology

February 24, 1937

My dear Sir:

I have noted your article in the "Journal of Negro History", and I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Hunter Miller.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

41-2-172

Mr. James A. Padgett
c/o The Journal of Negro History
1538 Ninth Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

CROSS REFERENCE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRECEDING,

DuBois to James Padgett, Feb. 24, 1937

SEE THE FOLLOWING:

DuBois to U.S. Dept. of State (Hunter Miller) Feb. 24, 1937

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AUGUSTA
GEORGIA

Lectures 1937

15-28-90

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

We are interested in the possibility of having you deliver a lecture at Paine College during the present school year.

Will you therefore advise us of the expense which such a venture would involve and the dates in the fall, winter, and spring which are available for such engagements.

Very truly yours,

Mark Fax

Mark Fax

October 4, 1937

15-28-91

October 6, 1957

My dear Mr. Fax:

I could lecture at Paine College during the current school year. My charge would be thirty-five dollars out of which I would pay my own expenses. I am enclosing a statement of my lectures. I could come almost any Friday night in November or December and probably would have openings in March or April.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. Mark Fax
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

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lecture - 1937

15-28-92

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

We are happy to learn that you can lecture at Paine College during the present school year, and are asking that you give us the evening of Friday, November fifth. Should this date cause a schedule conflict for you we shall, of course, arrange differently, although an alternative time cannot be suggested at this writing.

Our Lyceum Committee, under whose direction your lecture will be given, found it difficult to make a selection from certain of your lecture topics. We are therefore asking that you, yourself, choose either "Democracy" or "The Present Economic Revolution": this because we are challenged equally by the implications of both topics, and because we feel that you may have a personal preference between the two.

Yours most sincerely,

Mark Fax

Mark Fax

October 16, 1937

October 20, 1937

My dear Mr. Fax:

This is to confirm my engagement to speak at Paine College Friday evening, November fifth. I shall take as my subject "The Present Economic Revolution".

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Max Fax
Paine College
Augusta

Letters pending

November 3, 1937

15-28-94

My dear Mr. Fax:

I shall arrive in Augusta Friday afternoon and shall stop at the home of Miss Norma Horton, 2245 Gardner Street. I shall telephone you upon arrival for information concerning the program.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Marx Fax
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

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GEORGIA

Lectures

15-28-95

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

I see from my past correspondence that I neglected to state that we should like to provide for your over night entertainment at the College during your stay in Augusta.

We are also asking the honor of your presence at a social hour immediately following the lecture so that our faculty may make your acquaintance.

If you will permit us the pleasure of these privileges we shall be sincerely grateful.

Very truly yours,

Mark Fax

Mark Fax

November 3, 1937

Lectures

November 9, 1937

15-28-94

My dear Mr. Fax:

May I thank you, President Peters, the other teachers and officials for a very pleasant visit. I enjoyed the occasion very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Mark Fax
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

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GEORGIA

15-28-97

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

You have been very kind. I fully realize that many words too often suggest insincerity; but please let me say that the occasion of your lecture and visit honored us, for we thoroughly admire and appreciate your life and work.

Very sincerely yours,

Mark Fax

Mark Fax

November 14, 1937

(PAN-Hellenic Council of Atlanta)

2/24/37

Lectures pending - 1937

Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia
February 22, 1937

My dear Dr. DuBois:

In behalf of the Pan-Hellenic Council of Atlanta, which has been offering a monthly forum to the general public on subjects of timely interest, may I ask if you will consider being the speaker at our next meeting, March 21, on the subject "Nazism and the Negro"?

15-28-10

Your pre-eminent qualifications for this subject lead us to feel that this particular forum depends upon your favorable decision for its success - whereupon we attend with bated breath your reply! (The forum speaker is given from thirty to forty minutes, in a meeting lasting from precisely four o'clock to five-thirty, forum discussion consuming the latter half of the period, in Morris Brown Chapel.)

Yours very hopefully,

Marion Starling

Mrs. Marion Starling
Chairman, Cultural Committee
Pan-Hellenic Council of Atlanta

[Pan-Hellenic Council of Atlanta]

Department of Sociology

February 24, 1937

15-28-11

My dear Madam:

I could speak for the Pan-Hellenic Council March 21. You will note the enclosed circular. My charge would be $25.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mrs. Marion Starling
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

(PAN-Hellenic Council of Atlanta)

1937

Lectures

Spelman College

Atlanta, Georgia

February 27, 1937

3/5/37

15-28-12

Dear Dr. DuBois:

The Pan-Hellenic Council thanks you for your early reply, and for the information concerning your speaking engagements. As we do not have a fund for such purposes as yet, we are not able at this time to make the payment necessary to have you as speaker, but the Council wishes you to know that it plans to devise some kind of plan that will make it possible for us to meet your very modest terms before long.

Yours very truly,

Marion Starling

Mrs. Marion Starling

Chairman, Culture Committee

Pan-Hellenic Council of Atlanta

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE

January 15, 1937

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15-29-56

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

Your letter of October 29 from Vienna was duly received but not answered because I did not know at that time just where to address you. I assume thus you will be in Atlanta presently. As soon as I hear from you, and at your convenience, I should like to call on you at Atlanta. I am convinced that in the course of an hour's conversation we can determine how, when, and to what extent I can be of service. Until then my mind refuses to work on the details of a program.

After February 1, I shall have more time at my disposal and shall hope to arrange my program in accordance with your own.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E Park

rep:h

Robert E. Park

January 18, 1937

My dear Dr. Park:

Please permit me, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January fifteenth. It will be brought to his attention as soon as he returns to his desk in Atlanta early in February.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 4, 1937

My dear Dr. Park:

I have at last reached my desk in Atlanta after a trip around the world. I shall be at your service at any time that you can come to Atlanta. Will you please perhaps give me a week's notice so we could have a good conference?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

15-29-52

HERMITAGE BOND

Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE

February 20, 1937

2/22/37

15-29-58

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

If it is convenient for you I will drive over to Atlanta next Friday. I shall probably reach there in the afternoon and hope to return the next morning or the next afternoon unless it seems necessary to stay longer.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Park

rep:h

Robert E. Park

Department of Sociology

February 22, 1937

15-27-5

My dear Dr. Park:

I am very glad that you are coming to Atlanta next Friday. I have one short meeting in the afternoon but otherwise the whole afternoon and evening will be at your disposal and such part of the morning as you may have.

Mr. Logan and I will have all the data at hand for your inspection, and we will talk over matters of future work. Only yesterday Mr. Logan and I were considering if you would not like to make out a list of subjects and experts covering the matter of racial cultural contacts which the Encyclopaedia might treat. You might be considering this and we would discuss this when you come.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Department of Sociology

February 26, 1937

Memo to Dr. Park:

I have a meeting in my room from half past four to half past five. If you arrive during that time you will find your rooms ready for you on the women's side of the University Dormitories, 50 Chestnut Street. Kindly telephone me from there - Main 5328 -.

We will have dinner a little after six. I will come and escort you to the dining room. This evening I am free and we can talk together, and tomorrow morning Mr. Logan will join us. He will be glad if you will have dinner with him and myself at his house at 2:15 tomorrow if this will not make your departure too late.

A 15-29

Dr. Robert E. Park
Atlanta, Georgia

Department of Sociology February 26, 1937

15-29-61

Memo to Dr. R. E. Park:

The work on the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro for 1936, fell into ~~two~~ three parts:

a. correspondence with colored and white scientists, chiefly in the United States, asking their approval of the project and their willingness to cooperate. The result was a nearly unanimous response from those approached. The letters are on file.

b. the publication of the names of these persons and of a general statement of the scope of the proposed work.

c. an attempt to set down in broad outline the specific subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro might treat, and the submission of a mimeographed copy of these subjects to a considerable number of experts asking for criticism. Replies have come in and are on file.

d. personal consultation by Dr. Du Bois with anthropologists and students of history and social science in England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and France.

For the year 1937, the proposed continuation of preliminary work on the Encyclopaedia will consist of:

a. a rearrangement of the possible subjects in accordance with the various criticisms received, and the more or less complete scheme submitted by Dr. Westermann and others.

b. further correspondence, especially with European, Asiatic, African, West Indian, and Central and South American scientists seeking approval of and willingness to cooperate with the Encyclopaedia.

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c. the collection of bibliographies on specific subjects with indication of special lines of investigation and study.

d. a survey of the field for eventual selection of an Editorial Board.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. R. E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Department of Sociology

February 26, 1937

15-29-62

Memo to Dr. R. E. Park:

In thinking over possible methods by which Dr. Park could join us in the work of planning the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, the following methods have occurred to me:

a. Dr. Park might undertake to work out a list of possible subjects which the Encyclopaedia might treat; either a general list covering the main headings, or a specific list covering a particular field like that of race and cultural contacts, or possibly subjects connected with places which Dr. Park has visited like South Africa and the West Indies.

b. further work in the collection of bibliographical material particularly special bibliographies in certain fields and on certain subjects.

c. contact, by letter or in person, with scholars whose influence and advice would help us.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. R. E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Department of Sociology

February 26, 1937

15-29-60

Memo to Dr. Park:

I have a meeting in my room from half past four to half past five. If you arrive during that time you will find your rooms ready for you on the women's side of the University Dormitories, 50 Chestnut Street. Kindly telephone me from there - Main 5328 -.

We will have dinner a little after six. I will come and escort you to the dining room. This evening I am free and we can talk together, and tomorrow morning Mr. Logan will join us. He will be glad if you will have dinner with him and myself at his house at 2:15 tomorrow if this will not make your departure too late.

W E B DuBois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Atlanta, Georgia

[Mr + Mrs Robert E. Park]

1809 Morena St.
Nashville, March 1–
1937.

Dear Dr. Dubois:

May I again remind you that the Parks are to be in Nashville, probably until June, and ask you, if you come this way, to let us know if we can be of any pleasure in receiving you as our guest?

There is even a spare room, with stairs, which is my seldom occupied. Do/is not as daunted as the Quattlebaums

offered us — Even if it is also a room & bath — available, if we keep our time!

I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed my Atlanta visit, especially in meeting your original practicum groups.

I am sending the greeting & all of them may very nice people yet! Even if it is somewhat belated — remember I did not know you all, before —

With regards from

The Pack

Department of Sociology March 3, 1937

My dear Dr. Parks:

It was very pleasant indeed to have you and Mrs. Park here. We enjoyed your visit. I hope you had a pleasant return trip.

I am sending herewith a hundred sheets and envelopes of the Encyclopaedia letter-heads; also I am sending some data about the Encyclopaedia Africana. You will find Mr. Woodson's version of his Encyclopaedia Africana on page 15 of the January, 1937, issue of the "Journal of Negro History". You will note that he refers to action on the Encyclopaedia Africana in 1921. If you will consult, however, the reports in 1921, ("Journal of Negro History, 1921, Volume VI, pp. 126-130), you will find there is no notice or mention of any such Encyclopaedia in the proceedings of the annual meeting of 1920, nor is there any notice in the meeting of 1921 reported in Volume VII, 1922, pp. 121-126. I believe both of these meetings took place during the time you were president of the Association.

My project never went far enough to give me any claim to exclusive occupation of the field. It was merely one of my large ideas which never got down to earth or finance. It is barely possible that I should have pushed it further had it not been for the World War; but as a matter of fact I didn't. I never heard of Mr. Woodson's project until after the Phelps-Stokes Encyclopaedia movement was started. When he mentioned it I immediately tried to find out when the idea was first made public, but he got angry and refused to give any specific answer. In the case of my Encyclopaedia Africana, I conceived the idea in 1909 and in 1911 while attending the Races Congress in London I talked about it with Sir Harry Johnston, Dr. W. M. Flinders Petrie, and others. Previous to that I had correspondence with Professor William James, President Elliot, and all of the Negroes whose names appear on the letter-head.

I trust you will find time to carry out the correspondence with the men of science according to your kind proposal while here. Meantime I think that Mr. Logan and I will concentrate on getting a pretty clear idea of the possible size of the projected Encyclopaedia.

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Perhaps we can actually make some sort of dummy. I will let you know just what we plan to do in this line as soon as we get our plans in hand. Also I shall send out a questionnaire to a selected number of perhaps fifty or one hundred persons asking them "if you consulted an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, what information would you specifically seek?"

I hope from time to time you will write me freely of any thoughts or criticisms that occur to you.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Park, and express my pleasure at the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with her.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE

March 9, 1937

3/10/37

15-29-64

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. DuBois:

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of your ~~letter~~ of recent date and of the paper and envelopes of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I have been carefully looking over the articles in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences particularly with reference to the length and I will write you in a few days.

At the moment I have got to go to Watertown, South Dakota. I expect to be back at the end of the week. In the meantime I will talk over with Dean Redfield and other men in the departments of sociology and anthropology, the question of how we can best interest men who would be likely to have a less philanthropical than a scientific interest in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

Yours very truly,

Robert E. Park

rep:h

Robert E. Park

HERMITAGE BOND
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April 5, 1937

15-29-45

My dear Dr. Park:

Enclosed is my check for $62.50 which is the first quarterly payment on the honorarium of $250 which the Phelps Stokes Fund is furnishing. We hope it will be enough at least to pay for postage and paper.

I am also enclosing a few copies of the proposed letter to the Foundations which I wrote and which Dr. Stokes has had mimeographed.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Park.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Fisk University

Nashville, Tennessee

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SCIENCE

April 9, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

6-5-26

My dear Dr. DuBois:

This is to acknowledge your check for $62.50 in payment for my services as consultant and adviser to the editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I feel some hesitation in cashing this check at this time, small as it is, because I do not think I have earned it. The fact is, I have had a number of errands which have taken me about the country a good deal recently, and I have not had time to put on paper any of the ideas that have surged up in me since I talked with you in Atlanta.

I shall send you shortly, however, the following:

(1) A brief memorandum on a definition of the Negro suitable to the purposes of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I foresee that anthropologists and sociologists also are going to have difficulty with any conception of the Negro, since as you propose to use the term, it designates not a race, in the strict sense, but a group of peoples, of diverse and mixed racial stocks, who because they have been identified with Africa have come to have common interests and a sense of sharing, somehow, in a common destiny. Races in the modern world are becoming peoples.

(2) An estimate, based on a study of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, of the number and length of articles it will be possible and desirable to include in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro of four, rather than fifteen volumes.

Having indicated in the suggested list of subjects the wide field which such an Encyclopaedia aims to cover, the next step seems to be to find a basis for selection of such subjects as it is possible to treat within the limits of 2500 or 3000 pages. The 15 volumes of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, excluding the introduction, contains 9720 pages of about 700 words each.

(3) A list of some thirty or forty general categories under which, presumably, the titles of all, or most all, of the different subjects to be treated might be classified. Articles in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences are classified under 55 general headings.

If it is possible to allot space to each of thirty or forty general classes of titles it will be easier and simpler to determine the amount of space available for each single topic included in the general classes of topics.

Thus if one of the general topics was Negro Art and Literature and there were thirty-nine other general topics to each of which a certain space had been alloted one would be in a position to say how much space should be alloted to each subordinate topic, Negro Poetry in Haiti, for example.

6-5-27

Furthermore, when you come to make up your Board of Editors, I assume that one or more of these general classes of titles will be assigned to each assistant editor, who, in that case, would be expected to determine what the articles should be, and the number of words in each, all subject, of course, to the decision of the Editor-in-Chief.

(4) A relatively complete analysis of some one minor topic, indicating the analysis of any larger topic, all minor and related topics should be taken account of, this is so that there would be as little duplication as possible.

(5) An article to be published in the American Journal of Sociology in September in which I shall discuss the importance of the proposed Encyclopaedia. In this article I shall call attention to the disposition of racial minorities as well as majorities to cooperate on the basis of racial affinities, not only within but across national lines and I shall suggest that in view of this fact an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, designed to exhibit at once the achievements and the aspirations of the race is not only desirable, but in the long run inevitable. Obviously the reasons that have led to the publication of a Jewish Encyclopaedia hold also, for the Negro.

In writing this article I shall not, of course, speak for the Editor but for myself. I am particularly interested, as a matter of fact, in observing and recording the processes by which a race or a people emerges from the cultural isolation of familial and tribal society to assume its place in a larger world in which it is free to participate in the more sophisticated and conscious life of mankind. The career of the Negro race, particularly since coming into contact with European civilization, is the latest and most conspicuous illustration of this process.

Such an article as I have indicated will probably raise the inevitable question as to the theme and significance of the proposed Encyclopaedia in a way that should interest students of race and culture, as well as students of world politics.

I am planning to go to Brazil in June. I shall try to get the article finished on board ship before I reach Rio.

Very truly yours,

Robert E Park

rep:h

Robert E. Park

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April 12, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Sooner or later you, or someone else, will find it necessary to answer this question: Who, for the purposes of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, should be called a Negro? I am sending you the enclosed memorandum on the subject in the hope that it will be of some use to you in case you are disposed to undertake this task. I think any answer you are disposed to make to this question might be circulated privately among scholars who have not yet heard of the proposed Encyclopadeia or are, at least, not committed to it.

I believe it would interest them and might serve to draw the fire of their criticism. Later this paper might be used as the basis for an introduction to the Encyclopaedia itself, if an introduction is, in your opinion, and that of the Board of Editors, desirable. At any rate the question is one which is almost certain to be raised and I think it wise to forestall discussion and at the same time use it to advertize the project, particularly among persons, - anthropologists first of all - whose endorsement the Foundations are likely to seek before they give it substantial aid.

Now that I have written this memorandum I hesitate to send it to you. If you find it of any value please let me know. If not put aside and forget it. At any rate these suggestions, as I submit them, will reveal, I hope, to what extent I can be of use to you.

In the meantime do not hesitate to call upon me for any services, if there are such, that you think I can perform better than someone else who is assisting you.

In submitting this memorandum and those that follow I am assuming that the project of the Encyclopaedia may at some time come up for consideration before the Social Science Research Committee. I am seeking to answer for myself and for you the questions I think they are likely to raise.

Yours very truly,

Robert E Park

rep:h

Robert E. Park

[ENCLOSURE]

16-5-29

Memorandum on a Definition of the Term Negro, for the Purposes of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro

As you know the U. S. Census Bureau, and some of the local governments in the South, have had a good deal of trouble in finding a satisfactory definition for the term Negro, as it is commonly used in this country. The best definition in my opinion is that which described the Negro, for the purposes of the census, as "one who passes for a Negro in the community in which he lives."

A similar question has arisen with respect to the Jew. In a volume which, in the original German, is called Socziologie der Juden, and deals with Jews in every part of the world in which Jews have made a permanent settlement, the question "Who should be called a Jew" is discussed at length and very interestingly in the first chapter.

I think I understand, after a survey of the wide field which your "list of subjects" covers, about what would be your answer to a similar question concerning the Negro. However, I want to suggest a point of view for the interpretation of that term which may or may not have occurred to you, but will, in any case, raise the question again in a different context.

As you know anthropologists no longer speak as they once did of "pure races." All historic races are mixed, the difference being that some were mixed a little earlier and a little more thoroughly than others. The Jews, taken as a whole, probably represent a greater variety of racial stocks than any other people in the world, but because of continuous inbreeding they are described as a race. For other and different reasons they are at the same time referred to as nationality and a sect or religious society. As a matter of fact Arthur Ruppin, author of the Jews in the Modern

World, distinguishes among the Jews of today, three distinct racial types. It follows that the Jewish race, as it exists today, is the product of all the different stocks which, in the course of its long history, have contributed to make the Jews what they are biologically and racially.

16-5-30

What binds together the widely scattered representatives of the Jewish peoples is not so much the ties of blood and tradition as the fact that circumstances have condemned them to a common fate. The same may be said of the Negro.

What I suggest then is that you write, and write now, if the thing commends itself to you, a first draft of an introduction, which might be used to introduce the project to anthropologists and others who we hope will have something more than a benevolent interest in the enterprize.

In this introduction I suggest that you sketch, in bold outline, the origin and destiny of the African peoples, so far as present knowledge enables us to predict it. In this sketch I think you might emphasize the fact that the existing racial types in Africa are themselves, apparently, the product of the inbreeding of many divergent types. On the other hand the wide dispersion of African Negroes in modern lines has brought about intermixtures and is producing, in every part of the world to which Negroes have gone, new racial types.

The Negro racial types that have come into existence outside of Africa are like the Jewish types outside the orient, in so far at least as they are products of a dispersion. Negroes like the Jews live in a Diaspora of their own, in which many of them are destined to be assimilated and absorbed by the peoples about them, but never completely. I should like to have the term Negro defined so broadly as would include not only all the mixed bloods but all individuals of Negro origin who have been

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adopted by peoples of different racial stocks but whose racial origin is remembered because they have achieved distinction of some sort and have contributed something of permanent value to the cultural and political life of the peoples with whose history they are identified. I am thinking of men like Pushkin, the Dumas and others. The history of these men is interesting because they illustrate to what extent individuals of African origin have penetrated and contributed to the cultural life of peoples of a different racial origin and to the common culture of civilized man.

The reason I think such a definition and such an introduction as I have outlined is important is that whatever unity one succeeds in giving to this Encyclopaedia will depend upon the connotation given to this rather problematic concept, the Negro. I am afraid without such a definition and such a statement, most people are going to think of the Encyclopaedia as mere congeries of widely scattered items of information assembled on the basis of no clear principle of selection and with no inner connection holding its different subject matters together.

May 10, 1937

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Park:

It was too bad to drop in on you so unceremoniously, but I want to thank you for your kind hospitality and I was very glad to have a few words of conversation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

15-29-42

September 23, 1937

My dear Dr. Park:

Enclosed please find my check for $125.00 which is your honorarium for the second and third quarters of the years 1936-37 in return for your help and advice on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Kindly sign and return the enclosed vouchers.

I hope that you and Mrs. Park had a good journey to South America. I should be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Robert E. Park
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Social Memo - 1937

February 4, 1937

My dear F. E.:

I learned of your illness while in Washington and the circumstances are so familiar to me that I am venturing to offer some gratuitous advice. When a man has been strong and vigorous most of his life it is almost impossible for him to realize that the approach of middle age makes another attitude absolutely necessary. Little things that are easily thrown off in youth may be fatal at forty. Particularly is this true with regard to the teeth. Unless you have those teeth of yours that are giving the trouble immediately extracted you are going to face either life long misery or early death. There is absolutely no question about it. Your system has been able to throw off those poisons up until now. Now it has the best of you. What you should do is go immediately in the hospital, be carefully x-rayed and checked up, and have every tooth out that can not be made healthy. Then have a period of one, two, three months getting rid of the poison that has permeated your system and which may at any time reach a vital organ like the heart, or will certainly give you most excruciating and incurable rheumatism.

This may seem drastic and unnecessary and you may kid yourself that you are going to get rid of this and keep your teeth, but you are not. I got my warning nearly twenty years ago with a stone in the blatter and afterwards some bad teeth. I attended to it immediately with drastic operations and with careful annual and quarterly check ups ever since. The result is that I am still able to enjoy life. Think this over and don't delay, and if the physician whom you now have hasn't sense enough to reinforce this judgment of mine for God's sake get another physician.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. F. E. Parks
1615 "S" Street Northwest
Washington, D. C.

January 6, 1937

My dear Professor Pattee:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 12, and the copy of the "Revista Bimestre Cubana" as well as for the names of additional scholars who are likely to be of assistance in the preparation of topics for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. In behalf of Dr. Du Bois let me thank you for your continued interest in the project.

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I have received also the partial list of suggested topics which you were good enough to submit. I note that you are planning to compile the list for Puerto Rico after your return to the Island.

I shall bring your communication to the attention of Dr. Du Bois as soon as he returns. With renewed expression for your very valuable cooperation and with best wishes for a pleasant return to Puerto Rico, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Professor Richard Pattee
Humacao
Puerto Rico, W. I.

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held for reply by Dr. Du Bois

Humacao, Puerto Rico,

January 15, 1937

Prof. Rayford W. Logan,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Prof. Logan:

I have received your recent letter and assure you of the pleasure to be able to cooperate modestly in the work of the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I will begin at once a careful outline of the material available here. The notes I sent you were hasty suggestions, with no thought of order or finality. Travelling at the moment made it difficult to prepare an outline of the topics available. I shall do so for Puerto Rico during the coming weeks.

Naturally I hope to hear from Dr. Du Bois and learn of further steps taken to make the project a reality. As I told you I have written all the people whose names I have suggested to you and have urged them to write you or at least await a communication regarding the plan. I have several more Brazilian names which I have run across and numerous books published in that country concerning the Negro.

As you know there are already one or two anthologies of the Negro in Hispanic American literature.

Please inform me of the progress made and feel free to call upon me for anything I may be able to do with respecto to the countries in this part of the world.

With the best wishes for this coming year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
Humacao, Puerto Rico, Box 178

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RIO PIEDRAS, P. R.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

February 19, 1937

16-5-19

Dr. Rayford Logan,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Professor Logan:

I am interested in writing you to inform you of the very important and significant congress of the Negro just held in Bahia, Brazil. This congress was the second of its kind, the first having taken place in 1824 in Pernambuco. I have been in touch with several of the Brazilian scholars who participated and will gladly send you more data and perhaps the publications, as soon as they arrive from Brazil. The interest there is really amazing.

Do you know of Arthur Schomburg of New York? I suppose you do in view of his magnificent Library of the Negro which he has built up at the 125th Street Branch of the New York Public Library. He is a Puerto Rican and I am in touch with him with the idea of drawing up a fairly complete outline of the Negro in this island.

I shall be happy to hear from you or from Dr. Du Bois when he returns.

Assuring you of my keenest interest in your project, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
Box 178
Humacao, Puerto Rico.

16-5-20

March 16, 1937

My dear Professor Pattee:

I wish to confirm Mr. Rayford W. Logan's letters of October 10 and November 12, 1936.

Permit me first of all to express my personal thanks for the keen interest that you have taken in seeking the cooperation of other scholars in Latin-America.

As soon as I have received the list of subjects for Puerto Rico I shall be happy to send you a check in the sum of twenty dollars. If in the meanwhile there are any questions concerning the compilation of this list I shall be happy to communicate with you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Professor Richard Pattee
Box 178
Humacao, Puerto Rico

Humacao, Puerto Rico

April 5, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-5-25

Your letter of March 16th has reached me after some delay and I am hastening to reply.

I have written a considerable number of Hispanic American scholars with whom I maintain contacts concerning the Encyclopaedia of the Negro and many of them have informed me that they have communicated directly with Mr. Logan. The Brazilians are particularly active and I am awaiting with eagerness the publication of the proceddings of the Second Afro-Brazilian Congress recently held at Bahia and in which a large number of Brazilian scholars interested in the Negro participated.

I am preparing the list of subjects for Puerto Rico. I plan to send it to you within a few weeks. I have asked the aid of Dr. Arthur Schomburg in New York, whose knowlegge of the Negro in Puerto Rico is remarkable. The total absence of scholarly work on the Negro of Puerto Rico makes the whole field one which has as yet been unexploited.

It will be a pleasure to communicate with you in the very near future and send the list as promised.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
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May 25, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-5-42

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I assume you have received the outline of the Negro in Puerto Rico which I sent you two weeks ago. I am remitting herewith a very brief list of the most notable Negro figures in this island during the last century. I am not sure if you wish to have living persons or not, and for that reason have not included prominent negroes of to-day.

The list is indicative of the most outstanding persons. In general the Negro influence is much less pronounced here than in the other islands, so that it is not surprising that the number who have distinguished themselves is smaller.

I trust that I may hear from you shortly as to whether the materials sent have reached you. My good friend Dantès Bellegarde writes me that he will be at Atlanta for some ten days before going on to Europe. I am sure you will profit from his visit as much as we did last year when he delivered five lectures at this university.

With the very best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
University of Puerto Rico,
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

[Enclosure]

16-5-43

Negroes prominent in Puerto Rico

Luis Felipe Dessús, writer, journalist and poet

Tomás Carrión Maduro, writer

Carmelo Honoré, Commissioner of Labor

Domingo Cruz, musician

Eustaquio Pijals, musician

Casimiro Duchesne, musician

Juan Morel Campos, the most outstanding musician PuertoRico has produced

Federico Ramos, musician

Heraclio Ramos, musician

Angel Celestino Morales, violinist

Emeterio Betances, political leader and abolitionist

José Celso Barbosa, founder of the Republican party and one of the most influential public men of the nineteenth century

Rafael Cordero, educator

Benigno López, educator

Julián Silva, financier and banker

Julián Pagani

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Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

June 19, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-2-31

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have wondered if you received the material which I sent you recently on the Negro in Puerto Rico. I have thought that perhaps the material was lost in transit. I will appreciate hearing from you as to whether it arrived.

I am sending herewith a list of Brazilians who are students of the Negro in that country. This list is additional to the suggestions already made. All of them are persons of sound scholarly attainments and of importance for their contributions to the special fields which interest them.

With the hope of receiving you early reply, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
University of Puerto Rico,
Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

16-2-32

Brazilian scholars of the Negro

Gilberto Freyre, c/o Dr. Alfredo Freyre, Juizo Federal, Recife, Pernambuco Brasil.

Ulysses Pernambuco, Faculdade de Medicina, Recife, Pern.

Edison Carneiro, Redacção do " Estado de Bahia ", Rua Portugal, 6, Bahia,

Geraldo de Andrade, Camara dos Vereadores, Recife, Pern.

Alfredo Brandão, Avenida Thomas Espinola 385, Maceió, Alagoas.

Aderbal Jurema, Rua Conde da Boa Vista, 1274 Recife, Pern.

Ademar Vidal, Juizo Federal, João Pessoa, Parahyba.

Ruy Coutinho, c/o Civilização Brasileira, Rua 7 de setembro 152, Rio de Janeiro

Rebalinho Cavalcanti, Edificio Rex, Sala 1004 Rua Alvaro Alvim, Rio de Janeiro.

Roquette Pinto, Director, Museu Nacional, Rio de Janeiro

Mario de Andrade, Rua Lopes Chaves, 108, São Paulo.

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Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

June 19, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-2-3

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Very sincerely yours,

signed Richard Pattee

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Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

August 17, 1937

16-2-46

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. DuBois:

I am sending you herewith the receipt for the check you were so kind as to send me. Thank you for your kindness.

I have just written Dr. Logan to the effect that I am entirely at your disposal for any further work of any kind related to the project which you have in hand. It will be a pleasure to cooperate to the best of my ability.

Thanking you for your communication, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Pattee

Richard Pattee
University of Puerto Rico
Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

5046 S. Parkway
Chicago, Illinois
November 1 - 1937.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia,

Request for information

16-13-54

My dear Dr. Du Bois,

I received my first degree from Atlanta University, my next one in Social Service from the University of Chicago. At present I am registered in the Divinity School there from which I am planning to enter Oxford University England. I have received a reply regarding enrollment. My interest in the Divinity School is Church Social Work and teaching Religious Education.

It happens that I have stumbled into a course - "Research in Problems of Urban and Rural Churches." However, I do not plan to stumble out.

I have discovered we should have a definite project for which he is preparing information. Perhaps you understand what I am not putting on paper.

Will you kindly suggest a study that I may prepare along the lines of church problems and one that will be of particular benefit to the Negro Race. Is it possible to prepare something along the line of Unification that is facing the Negro of the Methodist Episcopal Church? How would I word such a problem?

I am asking my instructor to withhold requirements until I receive a letter from you which I would like to read to the Seminar.

May I have a reply, if it is at all possible, before Wednesday, November 10.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertha Keith Payne

November 9, 1937

16-13-55

My dear Madam:

Knowing as little about you as I do and the circumstances of your work, it is not of course easy for me to make sug estions; but a study of the race question as affecting the attempt to unify the Methodist Church and the Methodist Church South should certainly be of great interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Bertha Keith Payne
5046 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

January 7, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I trust that you have fully recovered by the attack of the grippe from which you were suffering during my recent trip to Washington. Our discussion, which you were good enough to permit in spite of your illness, produced many helpful suggestions for me.

I have forwarded to Dr. Du Bois your suggestion that he call upon Mr. Embree in Chicago and inform him that you are planning to endeavor in the spring to obtain the necessary support for the publication of the proposed Encyclopaedia.

Our University library does not have the study on housing published by the Phelps-Stokes Fund. It greatly appreciates your offer to send a copy.

Responses from the leading North American scholars in the field of Latin-American history reveal on the whole a splendid spirit of cooperation. We have at last, upon their recommendation, the name of one or more native specialist in each of the Latin-American countries. I am writing a letter to that one in each country who has the best recommendations from the most qualified North American specialist.

Dr. Arthur Ramos, one of the most distinguished Brazilians interested in the Negro, has gladly accepted the commission to draw up a list of suggested subjects. I have the names of ten other specialists for Brazil as a whole, certain states, and certain regions.

Professor Pattee has sent in from Lima a number of valuable suggestions both as to scholars and as to subjects for continental Latin-America. He is now returning to Puerto Rico where he will compile his list for the Island.

I am sending out today a final follow-up letter to those scholars from whom no criticism of the list of proposed subjects have been received.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

[Copy from Anson Phelps Stokes]

January 9, 1937

Dear Dr. Jones:

I would appreciate it if the Phelps-Stokes Fund could send a complimentary copy of the Housing Report to the Atlanta University Library. Would you be go enough, if you are able to do this, to notify Mr. Rayford Logan, Dr. DuBois' assistant, that it has been sent? He may be addressed, as you know, care of the University. He is very anxious to follow up for the Encyclopaedia the chapters in the report on housing in general, and on Negro housing in particular.

16-11-98

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

Copy to Mr. Logan

A.P.S.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 14, 1937

Dear Mr. Logan:

16-11-96

I asked a good friend of mine who is well up in the problem of the Negro both in the United States and Africa to look over the lists which you sent me. I enclose a copy of a few suggestions which are worth considering. If such persons as Dr. Buttrick, Dr. Frissell, and Mr. Ogden have been omitted, the omissions are quite serious, for no men have done more than they for the education of the Negro. Dr. Buttrick during his many years as President of the General Education Board was a tremendous force in the interest of Negro education.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

[Enclosure]

COMMENTS ON ENCYCLOPEDIA LISTS

Section I
Pages 1-71

Negro In Africa

While the topics are very extensive and comprehensive, the space given to some subjects seems to be out of proportion to others, and a number of sub-topics seem to be unnecessary in an Encyclopedia on people. I submit the following illustrations:

1. The topic "Geography and Climate" presented on pages 19 to 25 is expanded by the addition of the following items:

Lakes and Islands, p. 25; Towns and Cities, p. 26-35; Mountains and Plateaus, p. 35; Deserts, p. 36; Animals, p. 36; Vegitation, p. 37-38; Culture areas, p. 39.

Such a detailed listing seems to me to be outside the scope of a volume relating to human society.

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2. "Health and Diseases", p. 55. The List on this most important topic seems very inadequate.

3. "Education", p. 59 - 61. The subjects are not complete. The authors do not seem to have consulted adequately the extensive reports issued by Educational Directors of the African Colonies. They also seem not to have seen the two volumes of the Phelps-Stokes Commissions.

4. "History", p. 43 - 53. These ten pages listing persons and incidents from times and places concerning which records are very uncertain, seem to me to be of relatively questionable value. In comparison with more recent events carefully recorded they seem to be unimportant.

Section II
Pages 72-136

Negro in America

The topics in this section seem to me to be much better selected than those on Africa. However, I submit the following comments:

1. That several topics are relatively expanded into too many details. Examples of this are:

(a) External Features, p. 72
(b) Battles in which Negroes fought, p. 113-117

2. That some topics include sub-topics that are not sufficiently related to the Negro, as for example on page 86 the sub-topics under Karl Marx.

3. That some striking topics have been omitted as for example on page 87, the National Urban League, and on pages 123-124 such important white persons as Wallace Buttrick, H. B. Frissell, George Foster Peabody, Jackson Davis, Robert C. Ogden and several others more important than many of those listed.

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PHELPS-STOKES FUND
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 15, 1937

Dr. Rayford Logan
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

In accordance with instructions from Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, we are today arranging with the Harvard University Press to send a copy of Dr. James Ford's "Slums & Housing" to the Atlanta University Library.

Sincerely yours

L. A. Roy

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16-5-55

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am delighted to have your letter of January 15th with reference to your talk with Mr. Embree. That is distinctly encouraging.

It will be a pleasure to see you here in the not far distant future.

Sincerely,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 18, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am writing this note to inform you that Dr. Du Bois has not received the appropriation on account of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project due in January. He has also requested me to say that February 15, 1937, he will send you a detailed report of expenditures of the last $500.00 received.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

January 19, 1937

My dear Mr. Roy:

Thank you for your letter of January fifteenth informing me that arrangements were being made to send a copy of Dr. James Ford's "Slums and Housing" to the Atlanta University Library. The librarian of Atlanta University will acknowledge receipt of the copy as soon as it arrives.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

January 19, 1937

16-11-99

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter of January ninth to Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones and your letter of January fourteenth with its enclosures.

A letter from Mr. Roy of January fifteenth informs me that the necessary arrangements were being made for the forwarding of a copy of Dr. James Ford's "Slums and Housing" to the Atlanta University Library.

The contents of your letter of January fourteenth and the list of enclosed topics have been noted and will be brought to the attention of Dr. Du Bois.

Helpful suggestion have been received from Dean Rufus E. Clements, Dr. Alain Locke, and Mr. J. E. Spingarn.

Miss Mary Williams of Goucher College, Baltimore, was kind enough to use her personal acquaintance with Mr. Rafael Heliodoro Valle, probably the most distinguished bibliographer of Mexico and Central America, to obtain his cooperation.

I have secured a copy of Professor Percy Alvin Martin's "Who's Who in Latin-America" which gives additional information about the specialists whose names I have already noted.

With best wishes for your completely restored health, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I am forwarding to Dr. Du Bois at his New York City address your letter of January eighteenth.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

16-5-05

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January 22, 1937

Dr. Rayford W. Logan
Encyclopedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Logan:

Your letter of October 23rd has awaited my return to the office. Owing to an accumulation of correspondence and conference appointments I have been further delayed in my efforts to find time to examine the List of Suggested Subjects for the Encyclopedia.

Now that I have somewhat hurriedly examined the Lists I regret exceedingly that it does not seem possible for me to find time to make a sufficiently thorough study to submit suggestions of value to you.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

Thomas Jesse Jones.

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January 23, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-6-72

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Stokes has forwarded to this office for action, Miss Diggs' letter of January 18th, with reference to the quarterly payments on account of the Encyclopaedia.

I am enclosing check of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for $562.50, to your order in payment of the First Quarterly Amount due on the Encyclopaedia Account for the year 1937, as follows:

1/4 of Dr. Du Bois' honorarium	($500.00)	$125.00
1/4 of Dr. Parks' "	($250.00)	62.50
1/4 of Atlanta Office Expenses	(1,500.00)	375.00
Total for First Quarter of 1937:		$562.50

Payments for the remaining three quarters of the year will be forwarded to you early in the following months: April, July and October 1937, unless otherwise requested by you and approved by Dr. Stokes.

We understood that you were expected to return to America in January, but were awaiting your instructions as to the first payment.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Roy.

L. A. Roy.

Copy to Dr. Stokes.

P.S.- Should you require additional Vouchers or ~~monthly~~ (Quarterly) report forms we shall send them on request L.A.R.

January 25, 1937

My dear Mr. Roy:

Please permit me to acknowledge, in the absence of Dr. Du Bois, the receipt of your letter of January twentieth and the check in the amount of $562.50 on account of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro.

I am forwarding the check and a copy of your letter to Dr. Du Bois at his New York City address.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

February 1, 1937

My dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of January twenty-second. I am sure that Dr. Du Bois will regret very much that it will probably be impossible for you to make a sufficiently thorough study of the list of suggested subjects for the proposed Encyclopaedia to submit suggestions of value.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

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Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

February 4, 1937

My dear Sir:

According to your letter of January 23, I note that the total appropriation of the Phelps-Stokes Fund for the Encyclopaedia for 1937, is put down as $2,250.00. I have a distinct impression, although I am not able just now to lay my hand upon the letter, that Dr. Stokes wrote me that the total appropriation was going to be $2,500.00 for 1937, that is, $500.00 more than in 1936. I had been budgeting on this supposition. Of course, I may be wrong but I should be glad if you would look this up and see if I am.

Also will you kindly send me additional vouchers for my quarterly reports.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

16-11-163

February 4, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have returned finally to my desk in Atlanta and in a day or so shall begin definite work on the Encyclopaedia so as to rush through this spring.

I find that the copy for a new letterhead which you promised to help us edit has not been received. We are in immediate need of it. Could you rush it along?

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 5, 1937

Dear Mr. Logan:

In Holden's "Private Book Collectors" published in 1936 I find the following entries under "Negro" and "Negro Literature":

16-11-100

Paschal, A. G., 5211 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Schomburg, Arthur A., 105 Kosciusko St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Slaughter, Henry P., 1264 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Watkins, S. C., 55 E. 59th St., Chicago, Ill.

Clarkson, Paul S., 1707 Lexington Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
Spingarn, Arthur B., 36 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y.
van Patten, Nathan, 579 Alvarado Row, Stanford University, Cal.

And the following under "Slavery":

Jones, Plummer E., 225 W. Main St., New Canton, Va.
Schomburg, Arthur A., 105 Kosciusko St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Slaughter, Henry P., 1264 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Zeitler, Henry B., Mooresville, Ala.

Possibly these will be of service to you. Don't trouble to reply.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Mr. Rayford W. Logan
Atlanta University-
Atlanta, Georgia

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February 6, 1937

2/8/37

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

1691 4274

Your letter of February 4th has been received this morning. I find that on October 19, 1936 Dr. Stokes wrote to Mr. Rayford W. Logan that ".....I will recommend and have every reason to believe that the Trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund will approve at their meeting on November 18th the renewal of their $2,500.00 grant which was given last fall to the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project .....". At the meeting of the Trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund on November 18, 1936, the sum of $2,500.00 was appropriated for organization purposes and conferences in connection with the Negro Encyclopaedia. This amount was allocated as follows:

a.	Honorarium to Dr. Du Bois	$500.00
b.	" to Dr. Parks	250.00
c.	Atlanta Office Expenses	1,500.00
d.	At Dr. Stokes' disposal for expenses of conferences etc.	250.00

The items included in my letter of January 23rd to you omitted, of course, the item of $250.00 set aside to meet expenses of any conferences which may be held during the year, as well as to meet any incidental expenses which Dr. Stokes might incur directly for the Encyclopaedia project.

Under separate cover we are today sending a pad of vouchers as requested by you.

Sincerely yours

L. A. Roy

LAR:DAS

February 8, 1937

My dear Sir:

. I sent you by registered mail today the vouchers for the five hundred dollars spent during the last quarter of 1936. Besides the sums thus spent there was a total appropriation of $500.00 for my trip around the world which I have not included: $200.00 for expenses of traveling, $200.00 for editorial collaboration, and an additional $100.00 sent to me in China.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-6-25

Dr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City, New York

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 8, 1937

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

I have your letter of February 4th and owe you a thousand apologies for not having had the Encyclopedia stationery prepared before. It is now in the hands of the printer. I will send you a proof in a couple of days and after receiving your corrections or suggestions will have it printed here and charged against my portion of the $2500 appropriation. I hope this is satisfactory. I am very much pleased, as I have told you, at the progress that Mr. Logan has made in your absence and think it looks most hopeful.

16-11-166

When you next pass through Washington please let me know as I want a good conference with you so that we can map out plans of seeing the Foundations, probably some time in April.

Always,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Ga.

P.S. I hope that Mr. Roy's letter to you of February 6th, of which he has sent me a copy, is satisfactory.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 10, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-11-168

I have thought that it might save time if I would forward you herewith the arrangement of the letterhead as I have worked it out after talking the matter over with Dr. Brawley. You will notice the following:

(1) I give your name as Chairman and Dr. Park's name, putting the two together as Editors-in-Chief with your name first in the middle, right under the title, so as to emphasize the importance of your work.

(2) I have included Dr. Moton in the list of officers as he was elected First Vice Chairman but in some way we have never put his name in this place. It makes the balance that we wanted of two white and two colored officers.

(3) I have included Professor Turner's name in the Board as he was elected to succeed President Hope.

(4) I have shortened all the designations where necessary so that except for Dr. Spingarn we can get them all on one line.

(5) I have arranged the five Negro Universities and institutions under the Advisory Board in alphabetical order.

(6) I have left out the smaller Negro colleges and universities which you mention as Dr. Brawley tells me that they have not been specifically approved for inclusion in the Advisory Board.

(7) I have combined the two statements as to the office of the Editorial Board and the names of the Editors in a way that I hope will seem to you an improvement.

I have ordered this set up in proof here by a very competent printer. Would you send me a Night Letter on receipt of this, stating whether you approve of the letterhead, or whether you have any suggestions to make? This will save time; also, tell me how many sheets you may wish. I hope that this will all meet with your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Enc.

P.S. Of course the printing would take up much less space than is indicated in this typewritten copy. Inded, it will take up less space than in our original stationery. APS

for W. E. DuBois

[Enclosure]

See Sample 1

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO

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February 11, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I have your letter of February 8, and will rush the proof back as soon as received. Early in March I will have in your hand a general statement of plans and present condition of the Encyclopaedia.

16-11-167

I am enclosing a find that I have made in looking back in my old files. I think I mentioned to you that I had planned an encyclopaedia years ago but had quite forgotten how far I had gone. This letterhead will show you. I shall dig up later some of the correspondence. Of course, the whole scheme ran into the World War and came to nothing.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1937

16-11-170

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I get your proof yesterday and immediately wired you approved and suggested two thousand sheets and envelopes.

I have been thinking afterwards that there might be some confusion in having the names of two chairmen on the letterhead: one chairman of editors and one chairman of the directors, but I am not sure that will make any particular difference.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

2/17/37

February 15, 1937

15-31-2

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am perfectly delighted to get your letter of February 11th with its copy of the letterhead of the "Encyclopedia Africana", edited by you and used prior to the War, about 1909. This is a very valuable bit of evidence in case we have any difficulties in the future regarding the priority of Encyclopedia projects.

The printers tell me that 2,000 envelopes and 1900 sheets of the letterhead will go off to you by express Tuesday evening. I am keeping a hundred sheets of the letterhead here for my own use.

It has been difficult to get so many names clearly on the letterhead without interfering unduly with the space for typewriting, but I think we have done pretty well. I was glad to get your telegram approving the set-up as sent you.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copy to Dr. Brawley

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 23, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks for your letter of February 13th. You have doubtless received by this time the letterheads and I hope that you will like them.

16-11-171

I do not think that there will be any confusion with reference to the two Chairmanships. Your name is placed immediately under the title with the statement that you are Chairman of the Editorial Board. The only reason that I put my name as Number One in the Board of Directors list was because it was so sent me in the draft from your office a couple of months ago, where the names of the officers were taken out of their alphabetical order and put on top. I assumed that this was in accordance with your wish. The difference in function between the Editorial Board and the Board of Directors is so clear and recognized that I really do not think any misunderstanding will arise.

I had an hour last week with Professor Lipse, formerly the Director of the Anthropological Museum at Cologne, who came to this country because of the Nazi troubles. He has been two years a Visiting Professor at Columbia and now comes for a couple of years in the same capacity at Howard. He is very keen about his work. He is apparently particularly interested in North Africa and has made trips both in North Africa and West Africa. I should think that he would probably be a valuable collaborator. I gave him a copy of our memorandum.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

COPY

3/5/37

March 2, 1937

Dear Dr. Loram:

I am greatly obliged to you for sending Dr. DuBois such a perfectly splendid letter as the one you wrote him under date of February 23rd.

16-11-172

As to South Africans who might be of service in connection with the preparation of the Encyclopaedia, fortunately we have Dr. Rheinallt Jones and Dr. Jabavu on our Advisory Board and we can work very effectively through them.

I was pleased to find that I knew personally and fairly well about two-thirds of your list, including both British, Dutch, Native, and colored. Some of them are exceptionally good. Of the Natives I think your friend, Mr. Matthews, who is at Yale, is one of the very best, while of course I have the most profound respect for Rheinallt Jones, Brookes, and many others.

I think it fine of you to suggest calling on Dr. Du Bois in Atlanta to talk over the whole African problem, and agree entirely with your suggestion that it would probably be best to postpone correspondence direct with Africa until you have had this chance to go over the names with him in detail and to have some announcement sent through Dr. Rheinallt Jones for African publicity.

Always sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

P.S. Since writing the above your charming letter of the 28th has come to my wife. She will, of course, be delighted to receive the calendar.

As to the Kali Report, I am taking it with me to Williamsburg, where I am planning to spend two days. I am sure it will be very useful.

Dr. Charles T. Loram

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

APS

Department of Sociology

March 3, 1937

16-11-173

My dear Dr. Stokes:

The letter-heads came to hand, and I think they make an excellent appearance.

Dr. Park and his wife drove over from Nashville last Friday and stayed until Sunday. We had several conversations and he spent a good deal of time in the office reading the correspondence on the Encyclopaedia. Mr. Logan joined us in conference, and we had dinner and breakfast in the University dining hall, and lunch at Mr. Logan's.

I think Dr. Park and I got pretty well acquainted during these conferences and in fairly complete agreement. He has offered to write a number of personal letters to interest scientists in our work, and to undertake himself some systematic suggesting of subjects in racial and cultural relations and other matters covering his trip to South Africa and the West Indies. He is a little pessimistic on our ability to get funds from the foundations very soon; but thinks the Encyclopaedia idea is excellent and must be pushed in any event.

I have written to Dr. Loram about my trip and the general status of the Encyclopaedia. I have a long letter from him dated February 23, and he plans to be in Atlanta and have a consultation about April 12.

The work here is going on well. As one result of Dr. Park's visit, Mr. Logan and I are going to concentrate in the next month or two in making an actual dummy of an Encyclopaedia, that is, we are going to get four volumes of the approximate size which we have in mind, and then take the subjects which we decide upon after comparing the criticisms, and if possible after receiving Dr. Westermann's project, and allocate space in these volumes for all of the subjects. It will then be comparatively easy to see what space we can cover, and in what detail, and to get a pretty correct estimate of the cost of setting-up type and printing. If later when a Board of Editors take charge the subjects are changed in any way, it will be easy to decide what is to be cut out, what expanded, and what is subdivided.

I trust this will find you in good health.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

3/4/37

March 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks for your excellent letter of March the 3rd.

16-11-174

I am very enthusiastic about your plan of preparing a dummy of the Encyclopaedia. It seems to me an excellent one and will be invaluable when we come to present the matter to the Foundations. As to the general format, I hope you will agree with me that we want something no larger than the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. From the standpoint of reference this and the Catholic Encyclopaedia are the best encyclopaedias that I use. The latter has the advantage of including a great deal more material on a single page, the former is perhaps easier to read as the type is slightly larger.

I am very glad that Dr. Park has been of service to you and that you find your work together so congenial.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Sent:
Malinowski
Woelfel
Westermann and suggested list of subjects
Homburger
Oldham
Frobenius
Encyclopedia Africana correspondence:
Charles W. Eliot
Edward W. Blyden

March 10, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

16-11-178

I am sending two enclosures. One is a letter from Leo Frobenius which I prize very much. The original is in German and the copy here I have translated. The other is a suggestion for a statement which might be used in approaching the boards and foundations for assistance in our Encyclopaedia project. Mr. Logan and I have collaborated upon it with the idea that it might contain some suggestions which you would like to incorporate.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

P. S. I am adding other significant letters

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 13, 1937

3/15/37

Dear Dr. DuBois:

Dr. Stokes received your letter of March 10th just as he was leaving Washington. He asked me to say that he would take it with him to look over.

He also suggested that I ask you two questions:

16-11-176

(1) Have you ever seen the collection of notes of Mrs. Anna Murray, who lives at 934 S. Street, N.W.? Her husband was in the Library of Congress. Dr. Stokes saw the collection several years ago and thought it had some value for purposes such as that of preparing the Encyclopaedia. It consists of thousands of cards referring to Negro matters. Unfortunately most of the items are not dated and it seemed to Mr. Stokes, on a casual examination, that there was a good deal of material of little scientific value taken from newspapers. However, he would think that if the material were used with discrimination it might prove of considerable value. If you have not seen it Dr. Stokes thinks it might be well for you to take a look at it when you are next in Washington, and if you think it is of considerable value, from the standpoint of the Encyclopaedia project and for future historical reference, and if Mrs. Murray would take a moderate sum for it, possibly arrangements could be made to have it secured.

(2) He wanted me to ask you as to the time when you are planning to be in New York in April. He would like to make appointments with Mr. Keppel at the Carnegie Corporation and probably with Mr. Jackson Davis at the General Education Board. A date that would be very convenient to Dr. Stokes would be Monday, April 12th, when he is preaching near New York on the 11th and has a meeting of the Phelps Stokes Corporation on the 13th. Would this be convenient to you? Dr. Stokes says that he thinks he could meet your travelling expenses from his small appropriation for the Encyclopaedia.

Sincerely yours,

Rosalie A. Malone

Secretary to Dr. Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

March 15, 1937

16-11-175

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I find that in my letter of March tenth I left out the suggested statement which I am sending herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

[March 15, 1937]
[enclosure]

37-6-42

Memorandum to the President of the Phelps-Stokes Fund regarding the projected Encyclopaedia of the Negro

In presenting a plan for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro to the various Foundations in order to secure proper financial support, I suggest emphasis on the following points:

First, Timeliness of such an Encyclopaedia. Interest in the facts concerning the past and present development of the Negro race has been greatly stimulated in the last twenty-five years. Studies have been made and published and others are in the making. It is fair to say that the old attitude of the scientific and political world toward the Negro race has largely changed during this time. For this reason it is essential to fix and make available to the ordinary reader the present status of knowledge concerning the Negro. This is not because this knowledge is anywhere near complete, but it is necessary because we shall go forward more surely toward better scientific work and understanding if we can make it clear to the ordinary man, and particularly to the student, just what is already known today. Our casual knowledge always tends to lag behind scientific accomplishment, and it is still possible today to make and reiterate the most reactionary statements concerning Negroes in spite of the fact that science has long disproved them.

If, for instance, one wishes to make a reasonable and authentic statement concerning the Negroes in Africa, in America, or the West Indies, or concerning distinguished men of Negro descent, where would one look today in order to have reasonable authority for such statements and not find one's self flatly contradicted by current gossip and exaggeration? It is imperative today that present knowledge of this branch of the human family should be set down and made available in temperate, balanced exposition, for the use of the mass of those who would know and who seek further enlightenment. Within another ten years such an Encyclopaedia would need to be superceded on the basis of newer facts and fairer evaluation, but that is true in almost any branch of knowledge, and instead of being a reason for postponement is rather additional reason for fastening our conception of the truth as it is today.

In my judgment as to the necessity of an Encyclopaedia today I have been strengthened by personal interviews during the last year with the leaders of thought in anthropology and sociology in various parts of the world. I have consulted large numbers of such persons in the United States and published their judgments. More lately I have talked with scientists in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Japan. I have found practically unanimous opinion that such an Encyclopaedia is demanded and feasible in the present state of scientific knowledge.

Second, Who should carry out such a plan? Manifestly the leading scientists of the world who know Africa, anthropology, the social sciences, and the development of the Negro race, should make the contributions to such an Encyclopaedia. The leadership in such an enterprise should be in the hands of those who look upon the Negro race as an integral branch of humanity, worthy of the same scientific attention and sympathetic study that other branches have received. If the work were done entirely under the auspices of Negroes there might be danger that they would not be able to furnish the scientific equipment and knowledge on all points

that would be necessary; and they would naturally be tempted to make the study a brief for a long disadvantaged race, rather than a carefully balanced scientific study. On the other hand, if the work were put entirely in the hands of white scientists, there would be equal danger that their lack of personal contact with the Negro and knowledge of his problems would lead to a serious lack in appraising and understanding. There might easily be wide gaps in the actual field of study and quite naturally there would obtrude itself here and there the old and widespread assumption of the sub-humanity of the Negro race. For this reason it would be wise to have a collaboration between white and Negro scientific workers such as would include as far as possible the best available minds of the world, and at the same time, the widest and most sympathetic knowledge which could be had. No scientific work done by living feeling men and dealing with humanity can be wholly impartial. Man must sympathize with misfortune, deplore evil, hope for good, recognize human fellowship. All that social science can do is so to limit natural human feeling by ascertained facts, as to approach a fair statement of Truth.

For this reason I have tried to gather into a cooperating group: first, the best known white scientists of America and Europe and, secondly, the best equipped scientists of Negro descent in America, the West Indies, South America, and Africa; in this latter case I have especially sought the younger men who have had the latest and best training. As a result I have, so far as Negroes are concerned, the large majority of the doctors of philosophy in history, sociology, and economics, trained in the best institutions of the United States and Europe during the last twenty-five years, and willing to cooperate the leading anthropologists, sociologists, and historians of Europe, Africa, and Asia. Among white scientists I have the promise of the widest and most interested cooperation. The letters substantiating this statement are on file in this office.

37-6-43

There is another somewhat subtle but real reason for inter-racial cooperation in such a work. Young colored men of this generation are showing conspicuous ability in many lines of work. They are pressing hard against the gates of opportunity and these gates are opening less easily and widely than ability is asserting itself. The result is a widespread feeling that white America is determined not to recognize the Negro even when he excels, and the very presence of this feeling increases the unrest even in the case of Negroes who have not worked hard and do not possess real power to achieve. Particularly does this feeling exist in fields of science where the reluctance to give Negro scholars opportunity in laboratories and as research assistants makes them believe in the color line even when it is not there. If now we could have at this particular time a conspicuous example of inter-racial fellowship in scientific work, with generous opportunity and recognition for the work of young scientists, not only in the Negro race but throughout America and Europe, it would be an unusually fine thing in itself and a singularly wise proof that although the way of the black scholar may be difficult, it is by no means blocked. It would prove that the Foundations and philanthropy are not willing only to subsidize Negro work when it is segrated and second rate, but even more eager to help Negro scientific work of the highest grade and in conjunction with the world's best scientists if it is known that such scientists can hold their own on the highest planes of endeavor.

Third, Editorial procedure.

The practical problem is how to bring these persons who are willing to cooperate, and who have the best knowledge of the subject, into such joint effort as will evolve the sort of Encyclopaedia that we wish. In order to facilitate this I have attempted

certain preliminary work. In a way these attempts have evolved a certain presumption and apparent one man effort, but I think the object attained has justified this. I first sat down to make, with clerical and scientific assistance, an outline of the possible scope of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. This was primarily to impress upon those who had not given much attention to the subject, how large a field of interesting knowledge and exploration lay open for inclusion in such an Encyclopaedia. The possible subjects for treatment in this Encyclopaedia made up a mimeographed pamphlet of one hundred and fifty pages, and this I sent out to a number of scientists and interested persons and asked for their criticism. Naturally, most of them had time only for very general criticism; quite a number made detailed criticism of certain parts; a few like Professor Westermann of the University of Berlin voluntarily offered to prepare a proposed list of subjects independently. From these criticisms and offers we shall have ready in this office in the late spring, a proposed list of subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro might treat.

44-9-23

This is, of course, by no means a final list. It is simply a survey of the field which a board of editors can more carefully delimit and make practical. It will, however, save a lot of preliminary and costly speculation and confront the editorial board with a fairly clear idea of the field which might be covered.

In addition to this two editors-in-chief have been selected: a Negro and a white man, both of whom have given a life time to the study of the Negro race. They are both elderly men and selected because of their experience and because their selection symbolized racial cooperation in this work. It is proposed that they should be surrounded by a small group of younger editorial assistants, both colored and white, who should form the working nucleus of an efficient, well trained editorial board, and in case either or both chief-editors should find it necessary to retire before the work is finished they could easily be replaced by younger men. Around this smaller editorial group would be a larger group of consultants and advisers, and a still wider group of actual contributors.

Fourth, The cost.

The experience in the making of encyclopaedias, especially during recent years, has naturally made Foundations and contributors afraid of the large cost involved. An encyclopaedia well done is without doubt a costly enterprise. But on the other hand, there have been certain obvious wastes, and a certain lack of planning in many enterprises which can guide the present attempt. Usually, the first idea in the mind of those who plan an encyclopaedia is to cover the field with scientific thoroughness, making the matter of cost a secondary consideration. In the case of an encyclopaedia which seeks to exhaust a world field of knowledge this idea must be made paramount. But for an encyclopaedia which covers a special field like this, it is possible as it seems to me to take advantage of the experience of the past and budget the cost and then keep strenuously within the limit of that budget. I should say, for instance, in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, our task would be not to exhaust the field of information but to set down the plan frankly as an attempt to see within a given expense how complete a picture and scientific statement of the past and present of the Negro race could be made, knowing that this limitation of cost would put necessary boundaries to the extent of the information that could be gathered and printed.

I should suggest, therefore, as preliminary to this enterprise that a budget committee representing the different Foundations, and calling to its aid and consulta-

tion persons formerly connected with other encyclopaedias recently published, should sit down and carefully plan a budget for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro; and should then appoint a budget committee which during the preparation and manufacture of the Encyclopaedia should carefully guide and allocate expenditures so that the cost would fall within the limit of the budget.

It seems to me that with this practical limitation of cost, and with the large and scientific cooperation which has been secured, we may be able to make an epoch making contribution to three things: the establishment of truth concerning the Negro race, the cooperation of science regardless of race difference, the limitation of expense according to available funds.

37-6-45

[Anson Phelps Stokes]

March 15, 1937

My dear Miss Malone:

I know of the Murray collection, and if it could be gotten for a small sum it would be worth purchasing. It was done, on the whole, in an unscientific and haphazard manner; but it contains a number of interesting leads.

I should be glad to meet Mr. Stokes in New York on Monday, April 12.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Miss Rosalie A. Malone
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1937

16-11-179

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I wrote to your secretary yesterday saying that the twelfth would be all right for me to come to New York. There is, however, one complication. Dr. Loram and his students are scheduled to be in Atlanta early in the week of April 11. I should hardly have time to get back to confer with him and his group. I am, however, writing Dr. Loram to ask him if it would be possible for him to come a little later in the week than he planned. If he can not, I shall have him talk to Dr. Logan.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I received this morning your letter of March 16th and sent you a * Day Letter as per the enclosed memorandum. Let me now refer to other recent letters from you:

(1) As to your letter of March 10th. The enclosures from foreign correspondents were most interesting. It might be well to have quotations from some of these that we can put in a list supplementary to that of the American group, showing scholarly interest in our project. Each of the letters contains matters of interest. I had not known, for instance, about the Negro group in Czechoslovakia. In this connection I had a very interesting visit on an entirely different matter yesterday from Professor Thurman of Howard University, who told me about the extraordinarily interesting group of a Native company from Africa which he ran across in India, supplied to one of the Native Princes --I think the Nizam of Hyderabad, but I may be mistaken-- by an African Chief. I am particularly glad that Dr. Westermann is so much interested.

16-11-188

(2) As to your letter of March 15th regarding the Murray collection, if this seems to you a matter of considerable importance and it could be secured for a few thousand dollars, I would try to get an appropriation for it from the Phelps-Stokes Fund. Mrs. Murray had once an exhorbitant idea of its value. My impression is exactly what you state, namely, that it was got together in "an unscientific and haphazard manner", but that it contains much useful information. You might possibly write and see, if the Atlanta University authorities approve, what Mrs. Murray would sell her files for to the University, indicating that there would be no chance of its being considered if the price was a large one, but perhaps she might like to have a memorial to her distinguished husband at a great Negro University where the material he collected would be of value to scholars. Of course I cannot promise being able to secure this, even it if only costs a few thousand dollars, from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, but it does contain an enormous amount of material which I think will be of increasing value as the years pass, especially regarding contemporary Negro conditions and activities in the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century. I suppose that there must be tens of thousands of clippings and references which would give very useful leads.

(3) As to your other letter of March 15th with your memorandum regarding the Encyclopaedia. I have read it with the greatest interest and with keen appreciation. I think you have done a perfectly splendid piece of work. I like both its spirit and its contents immensely. The reading of it makes me even more enthusiastic about the Encyclopaedia project and about your selection as Chairman of the Board of Editors. I most earnestly hope now that we may be able to advance the matter of financing. I am taking the liberty of having your memorandum sent up to the Phelps-Stokes Fund office for mimeographing and will have forty copies set up entitled "Confidential Memorandum regarding the Significance of the Proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro". I am having it signed in your name and am omitting the first two lines of the first page.

The only other changes that I am making are two to which I am sure you would have no objection. I am omitting the words "fix and" in the sixth line of your statement regarding timeliness of the Encyclopaedia as I have thought that it might be misunderstood and was unnecessary. I have also changed the second paragraph of the fourth statement regarding the cost so as to refer to the very careful budget already made, after consultation with publishers of encyclopaedias, and to care for the point that the Foundations might prefer not to be represented on such a committee themselves. The revised paragraph would therefore read:

> "I would suggest, therefore, if the proposed budget in the memorandum totalling $200,000 does not seem satisfactory to the Foundations, the Editors consult further with persons formerly connected with other encyclopaedias recently published. The Trustees would, of course, be delighted, should the Foundations so desire, to have them represented on such a committee. This committee could carefully guide and allocate expenditures during the preparation and manufacture of the Encyclopaedia so that the cost would fall within the limit of the budget."

12-1-21

As the memorandum was prepared by you I have placed your signature to it. Of course I will not use it as it bears your signature, until you have approved of these minor changes, but I thought it might hasten matters to have it struck off at the Office. I am asking Mr. Roy to send 30 copies to you, to keep five at the Office, and to send five to me.

I hope that the dates I have suggested for meetings with Mr. Keppel and the General Education Board may be satisfactory to you and that this additional leeway of a few weeks may make it possible for you and Mr. Logan to have a couple of copies prepared of the dummy, for I think that this would be an important exhibit. In fact we should be able to present a strong case with: (1) Our general Memorandum; (2) Your confidential Memorandum regarding the significance of the proposed Encyclopaedia; (3) The letters of endorsement; (4) The proposed dummy; (5) The letterhead showing that we are a going concern with a splendid Board of Directors and a duly authorized advisory group.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Copies to:
Phelps-Stokes Fund
Professor Brawley

P.S. I have been specially interested in the correspondence which you sent me with President Eliot and Dr. Blyden in 1909 regarding the Encyclopaedia Africana project.

Confidential Memorandum regarding the Significance of the Proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro

In presenting a plan for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro to the various Foundations in order to secure proper financial support, I suggest emphasis on the following points:

First, Timeliness of such an Encyclopaedia. Interest in the facts concerning the past and present development of the Negro race has been greatly stimulated in the last twenty-five years. Studies have been made and published and others are in the making. It is fair to say that the old attitude of the scientific world toward the Negro race has largely changed during this time. For this reason it is essential to make available to the ordinary reader the present status of knowledge concerning the Negro. This is not because this knowledge is anywhere near complete, but it is necessary because we shall go forward more surely toward better scientific work and understanding if we can make it clear to the ordinary man, and particularly to the student, just what is already known today. Our casual knowledge always tends to lag behind scientific accomplishment, and it is still possible today to make and reiterate the most reactionary statements concerning Negroes which science has long disproved.

46-3-5

If, for instance, one wishes to make a reasonable and authentic statement concerning the Negroes in Africa, in North America, or the West Indies and Latin America, or concerning distinguished men of Negro descent, where would one look today in order to have reasonable authority for such statements and not find one's self flatly contradicted by current gossip and exaggeration? It is imperative today that present knowledge of this branch of the human family should be set down and made available in temperate, balanced exposition, for the use of the mass of those who would know and who seek further enlightenment. If in any line of knowledge one waits for definitive information no encyclopaedia would ever be written.

In my judgment as to the necessity of an Encyclopaedia today I have been strengthened by personal interviews during the last year with the leaders of thought in history, anthropology and sociology in various parts of the world. I have consulted large numbers of such persons in the United States and published their judgments. More lately I have talked with scientists in England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Japan. I have found practically unanimous opinion that such an Encyclopaedia is demanded and feasible in the present state of scientific knowledge.

Second, Who should carry out such a plan? Manifestly the leading scientists of the world who know the social sciences, and the development of the Negro race, should make the contributions to such an Encyclopaedia. The leadership in such an enterprise should be in the hands of those who look upon the Negro race as an integral branch of humanity, worthy of the same scientific attention and sympathetic study that other branches have received. If the work were done entirely under the auspices of Negroes there might be danger that they would not be able to furnish the scientific equipment and knowledge on all points that would be necessary; and they would naturally be tempted to make the study a brief for a long disadvantaged race, rather than a carefully balanced scientific statement. On the other hand, if the work were put entirely in the hands of white scientists, there would be equal danger that their lack of personal contact with the Negro and knowledge of his problems would lead to a serious error in appraisment and understanding. There might easily be wide gaps in the actual field of study and quite naturally there would obtrude itself here and there the old and widespread assumption of the sub-humanity of the Negro race. For this

reason it would be wise to have a collaboration between white and Negro scientific workers such as would include as far as possible the best available minds of the world, and at the same time, the widest and most sympathetic knowledge which could be had. No scientific work done by living, feeling men and dealing with humanity can be wholly impartial. Man must sympathize with misfortune, deplore evil, hope for good, recognize human fellowship. All that social science can do is so to limit natural human feeling by ascertained facts as to approach a fair statement of truth.

For this reason I have tried to gather into a cooperating group: first, the best known white scientists of America and Europe and, secondly, the best equipped scientists of Negro descent in America, the West Indies, South America, and Africa; in this latter case I have especially sought the younger men who have had the latest and best training. As a result I have, so far as Negroes are concerned, the large majority of the doctors of philosophy in history, sociology, and economics, trained in the best institutions of the United States and Europe during the last twenty-five years; among white scientists I have the promise of the widest and most interested cooperation from the leading anthropologists, sociologists, and historians of Europe, Africa, and Asia. The letters substantiating this statement are on file in this office.

There is another somewhat subtle but real reason for inter-racial cooperation. Young colored men of this generation are showing conspicuous ability in many lines of work. They are pressing hard against the gates of opportunity and these gates are opening less easily and widely than ability is asserting itself. The result is a widespread feeling that white America is determined not to recognize the Negro even when he excels, and the very presence of this feeling increases the unrest even in the case of Negroes who have not worked hard and do not possess real power to achieve. Particularly does this feeling exist in fields of science where the reluctance to give Negro scholars opportunity in laboratories and as research assistants make them suspect the color line even when it is not there. If now we could have at this particular time a conspicuous example of inter-racial fellowship in scientific work, with generous opportunity and recognition for the work of young scientists in the Negro race and collaboration between them and white scientists of both America and Europe, it would be an unusually fine thing in itself and a singularly wise proof that although the way of the black scholar may be difficult, it is by no means blocked. It would prove that the Foundations and philanthropy are willing not only to subsidize Negro work when it is segregated, but just as eager to help Negro scientific work of the highest grade and in conjunction with the world's best scientists if it is known that they can hold their own on the highest planes of endeavor. Also the value to Negro scholars of such unusual opportunity for associating with the world's best would be incalculable.

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Third, Editorial procedure. The practical problem is how to bring these persons who are willing to cooperate, and who have the best knowledge of the subject, into such joint effort as will evolve the sort of Encyclopaedia that we wish. In order to facilitate this I have attempted certain preliminary work. In a way these attempts have involved a certain presumption and apparent one man effort, but I think the object attained has justified this method. I first sat down to make, with clerical and scientific assistance, an outline of the possible scope of an Encyclopaedia of the Negro race. This was primarily to impress upon those who had not given much attention to the subject, how large a field of interesting knowledge and exploration lay open for inclusion in such an Encyclopaedia. The possible subjects for treatment in this Encyclopaedia made up mimeographed pamphlets of one hundred and fifty pages, and this I sent out to a number of scientists and interested persons and asked for their criticism. Naturally, most of them had time only for very general criticism; quite a number made detailed

criticism of certain parts; a few like Professor Westermann of the University of Berlin voluntarily prepared a simplified list of subjects on Africa. From these criticisms and offers we shall have ready in this office in the late spring a dummy of four volumes indicating allocation of space to each of the proposed lists of subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro might treat.

This will be, of course, by no means a final list. It will be simply a survey of the field which a board of editors can more carefully delimit and make practical. It will, however, save a lot of preliminary and costly speculation and confront the editorial board with a fairly clear idea of the field which might be covered.

In addition to this two editors-in-chief have been selected: A Negro and a white man, both of whom have given a life time to the study of the Negro race. They are both elderly men, selected because of their experience and because their selection symbolized racial cooperation in this work. It is proposed that they should be surrounded by a small group of younger editorial assistants, both colored and white, who should form the working nucleus of an efficient, well trained editorial board, and in case either or both chief-editors should find it necessary to retire before the work is finished they could easily be replaced by younger men. Around this smaller editorial group would be a larger group of consultants and advisers, and a still wider group of actual contributors.

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Fourth, The Cost. The experience in the making of encyclopaedias, especially during recent years, has naturally made Foundations and contributors afraid of the large cost involved. An encyclopaedia well done is without doubt a costly enterprise. But on the other hand, there have been certain obvious wastes, and a certain lack of planning in many enterprises which can guide the present attempt. Usually, the first idea in the mind of those who plan an encyclopaedia is to cover the field with scientific thoroughness, making the matter of cost a secondary consideration. In the case of an encyclopaedia which seeks to exhaust a world field of knowledge this idea must be made paramount. But for an encyclopaedia which covers a special field like this, it is possible as it seems to me to take advantage of the experience of the past and budget the cost and then keep strenuously within the limit of that budget. I should say, for instance, in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, our task would be not to exhaust the field of information but to set down the plan frankly as an attempt to see within a given expense how complete a picture and scientific statement of the past and present of the Negro race could be made, knowing that this limitation of cost would put necessary boundaries to the extent of the information that could be gathered and printed.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
March 15, 1937

March 18, 1937

16-11-23

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Answering your telegram of March 18, I beg to say that Friday, April 30 is all right.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

3/24/37

March 22, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In my morning's mail is the report of the Urban League in which special reference is made to the body of information assembled in the Urban League offices through the 26 years of its existence, which is "freely put at the disposal of many organizations and individuals". This has suggested to me that there are a few important collections of material such as that in the Urban League which you will want to make use of. Two which occur to me particularly are the library and files of the American Missionary Society in Boston because of the tremendously important work that it did immediately after the Civil War in education in the South; and the library of the General Education Board in New York, which for the past quarter of a century has played a part of tremendous importance in connection with the whole movement of improving the facilities for Negro education. There are, of course, many other agencies that will occur to you, such as that of the N.A.A.C.P., but I wanted particularly to call the two mentioned above to your attention.

16-11-184

You will be interested to know that I sent up to the Phelps-Stokes Fund office for mimeographing your memorandum regarding the Encyclopaedia project. In acknowledging it Dr. Jones says:

> "I have read Dr. DuBois' statement with deep interest and I emphatically agree with your high estimate of its value both as regards the wisdom and the spirit of the plans outlined."

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

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March 29, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-6-76

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In accordance with Mr. Roy's letter to you on January 23rd, we enclose herewith the Phelps-Stokes Fund check #582 payable to you in the amount of $562.50, being the second quarterly payment due on the Encyclopaedia account for the year 1937 as follows:

Dr. Du Bois' honorarium	$125.00
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Sincerely yours

Dorothy Sander

Dorothy A. Sander
Secretary to Mr. Roy

Ltr. from Dr. DuBois

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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD
New York

New York, N.Y.
April 3, 1937

Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes,
2408 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Stokes:

It is a pleasure to hear from you again and I have read with interest your letter of March 24th reporting the preliminary work that has been done on the Encyclopedia of The Negro. I have also read Dr. Du Bois' memorandum, which outlines in general terms the scope of the work and the method to be followed. Real progress has been made in enlisting the interest of scholars and in defining the nature and extent of the Encyclopedia.

16-11-127

This proposal came to Mr. Arnett a few years ago and was discussed at length. It was brought to the Executive Committee of the Board, but did not receive favorable consideration. As I recall, there were grave doubts whether the accomplishments and interests of Negroes should be isolated from those of other people, and if such a separate category were thought best whether the time had arrived for a scholarly and judicial treatment that would be of lasting value. It was felt that recent opportunities and progress of Negroes were accompanied by so much race consciousness that temporary phases of the situation might easily be misjudged or given exaggerated importance. Not being fully convinced on these points it seemed to us that our task was rather to go on building a surer foundation for the Negro university centers, looking to them with their new libraries to collect and safeguard source material.

Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be on a southern trip on April 30th, when you and Dr. DuBois will be in New York to see Dr. Keppel. I shall inquire further whether Mr. Fosdick will be able to see you and write you further. I rather imagine he might prefer a conference after Mr. Stevens and I have had an opportunity to examine the preliminary work that has been done. This is a proposal upon which we should certainly wish the opinion of Mr. Stevens. He will be sailing for Europe shortly after our April meeting and willnot be here on April 30th, nor will he have time to give to it before he sails. I should prefer to wait until his return, but if you would like me to do so, I should be glad to meet you at some other time in Washington, or to see Dr. DuBois in Atlanta.

I always remember your fine interest in all our work.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JD:RDE

Jackson Davis

April 6, 1937

16-11-130

My dear Mr. Stokes:

Will you please return to me the copy of the index to the "Journal of Negro History" which I sent to you last spring? I will return it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Ltr for Dr. Du Bois
G.P.N.

April 9, 1937

Mr. Jackson Davis,
General Education Board,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 3rd regarding the Negro Encyclopedia proposal. I would agree with you that probably the best way is to have you and Mr. Stevens first consider the matter further and then try to arrange for an interview with Mr. Fosdick later, and I also realize the reason for postponing this conference until after Mr. Stevens' return from Europe. If, in the meantime you have an opportunity, as you suggest to talk with Dr. Du Bois when in Atlanta or with me when passing through Washington, I think he will greatly appreciate it.

16-11-18

So much progress has been made since the matter was presented to you in a preliminary way a couple of years ago that I think you will feel that we are justified in asking for a reconsideration. We now have the assurance and support of the scholars of the world, have a fully organized board and the most essential elements of an editorial staff, as well as the outline, which it has taken a couple of years to develop, of the major subjects which should be treated in such an Encyclopedia, together with the names of those most qualified to prepare articles.

As to the two lines of possible criticism which you make:

1. Whether it is wise to isolate the Negro from other people.

My answer to this is that the extraordinary success of the Catholic Encyclopedia and of the Jewish Encyclopedia in making the points of view of these two minority groups better understood by our people, seems to me a fairly effective answer to this possible criticism. The Catholic Encyclopedia in particular gives a body of information regarding Catholics historically and in contemporary life which is simply invaluable to every non-Catholic and has greatly aided the cause of understanding between these two great religious groups. The same is true to a lesser extent of the Jewish Encyclopedia, so far as this racial group is concefned.

2. Whether it is advisable to have an Encyclopedia prepared now when the Negro movement is in course of flux and there are certain "temporary phases of the situation" that might easily be misjudged or given exaggerated importance.

I think that the best answer that I can give to this is to enclose a copy of a letter written by Dr. Du Bois to Mr. Embree under date of April 24, 1935. Mr. Embree had been one of only two or three critics that we had heard of the proposal, but Dr. Du Bois's statement, as you see, entirely

convinced him on this point. I should add, of course, that every Encyclopedia is valuable both for the historical statements of facts and for its representation of the contemporary point of view. It is amazing how new issues arise which have scarcely been thought of before. For instance, I have on my shelves the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences which, as you know, was completed less than two years ago. I happened to look up lately the two matters which are most before the public today, namely, the Sit-Down Strike and the constitution of the Supreme Court. There is no reference to the former and only the most passing reference to the latter.

I have been impressed similarly with the fact that Encyclopedias and books of reference written just after the war do not contain the name of either Hitler or Mussolini or any discussion of Nazism or Fascism, to say nothing of the developments of Soviet Russia. Consequently, there is no such thing as finality in an Encyclopedia, but Encyclopedias are none the less of vital importance in disseminating correct information and aiding human progress.

16-11-129

You imply also in your letter that possibly some extreme developments of race consciousness of recent years might have an adverse effect on the value of an Encyclopedia. I think that if the Encyclopedia were prepared entirely by Negroes or entirely by White scholars, this might well be true, but with our bi-racial Board of Directors and bi-racial Editorial Board, we can guard, I think, against that. Furthermore, as you must have noticed yourself, Dr. Du Bois in returning to the life of scholarship after devoting most of his time for many years to battling for Negro rights, has shown in his recent articles and in the memorandum on the Negro Encyclopedia which I sent you, an objectivity which is admirable.

I have dictated this letter rather hurriedly, but I thought it gave certain points of view which might be available to you in any further and preliminary conferences which you may have on the subject. We have been trying to quietly develop our program during the past two years before presenting it formally to the Foundations so that there might be a very definite basis on which a wise decision could be reached. It has never been formally before any board up to this time, unless the approach that I made a couple of years ago to the General Education Board may be so considered.

I am personally thoroughly convinced that our plan is one of very great importance to the future of Negro development and the improvement of race relations both in this country and in Africa.

Assuring you that we are perfectly willing to await a formal presentation of this matter until later in the spring or until the fall, if you think it advisable, I am, with great respect,

Very truly yours,

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 10, 1937

16-11

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

At Dr. Stokes' request and in reply to your letter of April 6th I am returning herewith the Indices to the "Journal of Negro History". These need not be returned to us.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Malone

Secretary to
Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

April 15, 1937

16-11-132

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Since writing the letter this morning I have had a copy of the exchange of letters between you and Jackson Davis. I shall await further word as to whether or not to come on the thirtieth. I presume, however, that appointment still stands especially with Keppel. I think we have built up a reply that can completely answer the objections of the General Education Board; and if Mr. Davis can give me a couple of hours when he comes down here, I will arrange to show him some convincing data. I am sending him the enclosed letter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

April 15, 1937

16-11-131

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I am planning to be in New York April thirtieth in accordance with your last communication. I shall probably arrive on the twenty-ninth and my address will be: 210 West 150 Street, Apartment 3-A. The telephone is Edgecombe 4-9225. I am hoping to bring the proposed dummy with me but it is possible that we will not be able to finish it by that time, but at any rate I shall bring the letters and other manuscript material. Please let me know if there is anything else concerning the matter which you would like to have me do.

I am enclosing a letter which I have just received from Professor H. Labouret. It has taken me several months to get in touch with him but he seems to be all right.

I have just had conferences with Professor Loram. He brought down a group of a dozen Yale students who stopped in my office and we had a talk on the general race problem for a couple of hours. The next day Mr. Loram came back and we had the conference over the collaboration of South Africa in the Encyclopaedia. I showed him some of the letters and he gave me some valuable advice as to the best approach to make to the various scholars in South Africa including the Prime Minister. He seems to think that we are going to be successful in getting funds.

I have had two letters recently from Dr. Park and enclose copies for your information. I think the last one is especially valuable and Mr. Loram agrees with me. I shall write a general statement such as Mr. Park proposes and circulate it for purposes of criticism. I know, for instance, that Professor Westermann's idea of the Negro is a rather narrow one, and would not include American mulattoes at all or the mulattoes of Africa. It would be necessary, therefore, to have this matter threshed out pretty well before hand.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Anson Phelps Stokes

April 16, 1937

16-11-139

My dear Mr. Stokes:

A night's thought over the attitude of the General Education Board leads me to the following proposal.

The plan for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro is an excellent one and is bound eventually to go through; but evidently we have got considerable work in hand to persuade the Foundations; and it will be at least a year and perhaps three or four years before we can hope to be successful. In the meantime there is important work to be done toward two objectives: one, to increase the pressure upon the Foundations by coordinating and intensifying scientific opinion; and secondly, to continue preliminary work with the view of conserving the time and energy of the editorial boards and advisers when we actually get to work.

I propose, therefore, that we seek to hold during the next year or two years a series of quiet conferences at strategic centers with men of science in order to discuss the following proposals:

1. Where and of what nature is the source material upon which a scientific study of the Negro race and its dispersion throughout the world could be studied?

2. What would be the logical field and the practical limits of such a study taking into account the meaning of Negro and race?

3. Is the time now ripe for an encyclopaedic summary of past and present conditions of the Negro race both for the purpose of making clear and definite history and present conditions; and as a starting point for further research and investigation?

I suggest that conferences on these subjects be held at Atlanta University, Fisk University, University of North Carolina, Dillard University, Howard University, Columbia University, University of Chicago, and in Boston. At these conferences we would try to bring together white and colored scientists whose work lies in this field, and to reach tentatively a body of conclusions. These conferences should be held without advertisement and not open to the public. Following these conferences similar conferences with necessary differences of arrangements should be held in London, Paris, South Africa, West Africa, and Port au Prince or some other central point in the West Indies.

There would emerge, I believe, from such conferences a pretty clear idea of the field of study, a simplification of the points of differences and argument, an indication of fields for immediate or future research, and a definite indication of the present demand for an Encyclopaedia.

Of course, the cost of this, unless great care was exercised, might be prohibitive; but if in America we can get invitations from the various centers for such a meeting and avoid rental for meeting places, the cost would be mainly the matter of travel and board, and could be greatly reduced by holding the conference at these various centers. In the South the cost could be made quite small and in the northern universities the local scientists would for the most part have but a short distance to go. The meetings should last two or three days and be given up to real study, conference, and clarification rather than to speeches.

Out of these conferences a number of proposals for definite and preliminary work would arise. Some of these would be matters already undertaken and need only small support and encouragement. Others like the question of biography in the Encyclopaedia might lead to widespread inquiry on the evaluation of prominent Negroes, and men of Negro descent, and persons of other races connected with their history and development.

Perhaps a series of small grants of from $25 to $100 would insure the judgment of a considerable number of experts so that this puzzling matter of whom to include in the Encyclopaedia could be settled long before actual work began. Other meetings would lead to systematic knowledge as to where source material was located, how far photostats could be made and duplicate copies available.

This scheme would call for a considerable appropriation probably not less than ten thousand dollars and probably as much as twenty-five thousand. It would need to be carefully thought out, and the details so arranged as to reduce the expenses and increase its value. It seems to me, however, that while we are bringing this matter to the attention of the Foundations and they are considering it, that perhaps they or others would be willing to finance such preliminary work which in the end would make their decision easy and certain.

I should be glad to have your opinion of this proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1937

16-11-140

My dear Dr. Stokes:

One other matter I forgot to mention in my last letter, although I think I have told you before, as a part of the preliminary publicity for the Encyclopaedia. At the invitation of Dr. Westermann I am going to write an article in "Africa". I shall make this as careful and important a statement as possible. I don't know just when I can get at it but sometime this spring or summer. This will make our efforts known all over learned Europe.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
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April 19, 1937

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta, Georgia

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GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

49 West 49th Street, New York

April 16, 1937

16-11-134

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With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JACKSON DAVIS

Reverend Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
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2406 Massachusetts Avenue
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April 21, 1937

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
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16-11-137

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

4/28/37

April 26, 1937

16-11-142

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have been interested in the correspondence with Dr. Parks regarding the definition of "Negro". It is certainly a most difficult matter. I have always assumed for ordinary purposes that a Negro was "a person with some recognizabele or known African Negro blood." This is a very rough-working definition that has seemed to me fairly satisfactory.

I am looking forward to seeing you this Friday afternoon at 2:30 at Mr. Keppel's office, 522 Fifth Avenue. Perhaps it would be just as well if you could meet me at the Phelps-Stokes Fund office, 101 Park Avenue, at two o'clock and we can go up in a taxi together. If you are not at the Phelps-Stokes Fund I will leave at 20 minutes past so as to walk over to Mr. Keppel's office.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

April 27, 1937

16-11-143

Mrs. Alyce K. Bishop
Secretary to Mr. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Bishop:

I have your letter of April 26th and immediately telegraphed Dr. Du Bois in Atlanta that an unexpected appointment would take Mr. Keppel out of town for Friday, the 30th.

As to the other two dates mentioned by you, namely, Thursday, May 6th, and Tuesday, May 11th. May 6th is impossible to me as it is the day of the installation of our new Dean at Washington Cathedral May 11th is, however, satisfactory and unless Dr. Du Bois writes you to the contrary you may assume t we will be glad to meet Mr. Keppel at such time tha day in New York as he may find convenient.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Copy to Dr. Du Bois

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2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 3, 1937

16-11-147

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I noticed when in the office Friday that you had been obliged to over-spend the last installment of your appropriation. I have, therefore, asked the office to send you $100 from the $250 given me for conferences for the trip up to interview Mr. Keppel, and for incidental expenses in preparing the dummy, etc. It was most aggravating having our appointment changed at the last moment so that even though I telegraphed you immediately the message arrived in Atlanta after you had left. I now have a letter from Miss Bishop, Mr. Keppel's secretary, confirming the Tuesday, May 11th, date of 2:30, and most sincerely hope that this will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Sheppard Stokes

May 5, 1937

16-11-148

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Much to my chagrin I missed your telegram of April 27. I had two lectures in North Carolina, the last one in Durham, April 26. I went there and then the next day left for New York thinking that I would have a couple of days with the family before the meeting, and that the date for the meeting was all settled. Your telegram, therefore, came on the 27th, and I did not receive it until I got to New York. Of course, it was my fault in getting off so early.

It will be difficult for me to arrange another meeting until late in May on account of the final work and the examinations of the semester. If it isn't too late I should like to make the appointment for Monday, May 24, or Tuesday, May 25. I could with some difficulty, make an appointment for May 22, or even May 15, but I should rather not if possible. If the appointment could be made for the 24 or 25 of May, we would be sure to have the dummy fully finished. I should be glad to hear from you at your convenience.

I ought, perhaps, to add that one of my main reasons to get to New York so early was to take my granddaughter to her first circus.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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May 6, 1937

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3 A
New York City

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

In view of the deficit reported in your financial statement for the quarter ended March 31st, and the necessity of your visit to New York for the conference with Dr. Keppel, Dr. Stokes has directed that $100.00 be sent to you from the appropriation of $250.00 made for his incidental expenses and conferences in connection with the Encyclopaedia. The check of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, payable to your order, for this $100.00 is enclosed herewith. In our records we are making this transfer as a supplement to the Atlanta Office expenses.

Sincerely yours

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May 19, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

We have finished the following work on the Encyclopaedia: the preparation of a manuscript of about one hundred and twenty-five pages giving a list of possible subjects for an Encyclopaedia of the Negro with a short biographical note under each subject. These subjects have been carefully revised from my original list of last year in light of criticisms sent in from various scholars, and have been arranged alphabetically.

In addition to that we have made a careful estimate of the space these articles would occupy by the following method: three of the longest articles on Africa, the Negro Race, and the African Slave Trade; five long articles on the Negro in the United States, Negro in the West Indies, Negro in South America, Race and Miscegination. These articles will occupy 350 pages and 280,000 words. Then we have allowed space for 250 chief articles occupying a thousand pages with 800,000 words. We have next allowed for 700 biographies covering the world and including Negroes, persons of Negro descent, and white persons connected with their history. This will occupy 560,000 words. In addition to this we have allowed for 550 pages and 440,000 words for minor articles and an index of 200 pages or 160,000 words. This makes a total of 2,800 pages and 2,240,000 words. This calculation has been based on the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences and we have allowed 400 words to a column.

The next step according to my original plan would be actually to space these articles on dummy volumes, but the sheer physical labor involved in this is too much for us to finish this spring although we might do it this summer. It promises, however, this difficulty: the spacing would involve a judgment as to the length of each single article. None of us would be competent to make a final judgment now in the case, even if it were desirable, and it is not as it would have to be gone over entirely again by the editorial board.

I shall, therefore, bring with me to New York to the meeting June tenth the material that I have described.

This study has led both me and Dr. Logan to a consideration of the matter of biographies. The biographies in an encyclopaedia are usually done according to a single pattern and worked out by the editorial staff. I am wondering, if in addition to the conference which I proposed ~~last~~ year, I might not undertake next year the matter of such a definitive collection of biographies so that the editorial board would have all the facts before hand and could more easily make choices. This matter of biographies is going to be a point very difficult to decide and the longer it is worked upon before hand the more satisfactory the final decision will be.

I hope this will find you in good health as it leaves me.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

May 28, 1937

16-11-154

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I should think it would very fine if you could have Mr. Loram present at our interview with Mr. Keppel. I have exchanged letters with Mr. Jackson Davis but apparently he has not been in Atlanta so that I have not seen him.

I shall meet you Thursday, June tenth, at noon at 101 Park Avenue.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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June 10, 1937

16-11-155

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
210 West 150th Street
Apartment 3 A
New York City

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Dr. Stokes asked me to tell you that he hopes that you can send to the office at your earliest convenience, the following documents:

1. Section III of your suggested list of subjects;

2. A copy of your alphabetical list of subjects, with bibliographical notes;

3. A list of the European and African scholars who have endorsed the project or who have promised cooperation;

4. The correspondence with Mr. Embree;

5. If and when you have it, a list of some of the most important sources for Negro material at home and abroad.

Sincerely yours

Dorothy A. Sander

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Copy to Dr. Rayford Logan
to Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 14, 1937

Dr. Logan, of Atlanta
c/o Mr. Campbell Johnson,
12th Street Branch Y.M.C.A.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Logan:

16-11-101

I must tell you how greatly impressed I was with the material that you and Dr. Du Bois have got together. It certainly made more of an impression than anything in our interview with Mr. Keppel a day or two ago. I was really delighted with it. I noticed a considerable number of misprints, but those will inevitably be caught in the course of the work.

Dr. Loram felt that it was too much to give as much as one third of the Encyclopaedia to bibliographical material and I had a feeling that with your splendid interest in Latin America you have perhaps slightly overbalanced the Latin American side. I think it a matter of great importance to have this brought out as heretofore it has been so largely overlooked, but I believe that Africa is still considerably under developed and probably certain aspects of Negro development in America. On the biographical side there are a good many African leaders, such as those referred to in Miss Gollock's little book, that deserve attention.

My real reason in writing you is to tell you how pleased I am with the work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS:m

P.S.- Have you checked the indices in Brawley and Woodson?

June 19, 1937

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Stokes:

It was very gratifying to receive your letter of June 14, forwarded to me from Washington, in which you express your satisfaction with the work done by Dr. Du Bois and me.

The excess of material dealing with Latin America was inspired by the thought that there might be some doubt concerning the availability and quality of the sources for this subject.

I regret exceedingly that I did not have time to correct the mistakes in typing.

Permit me to say that my work with you and Dr. Du Bois has been a very pleasant experience and one from which I have gained considerable information.

Sincerely yours,

Rayford W. Logan

16-11-102

June 22, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

In reply to your letter of June 10, I am sending herewith Section III of my first list of suggested subjects, and the correspondence with Mr. Embree. The other three matters for which you ask I shall send on or before July 15, that is:

a. A copy of the alphabetical list of subjects with bibliographical notes. We are working on this for typographical errors and for a new compilation of the space necessary.

b. A list of the European and African scholars who have endorsed the project. This list will be forwarded within a couple of days. Some of the letters are being copied.

c. A list of some of the most important sources for Negro material at home and abroad. One item of this list has been mislaid and I am writing for a copy of it. I will be able to send it to you in about a week.

I have just received six letters from scholars in Germany and South Africa endorsing the project. I shall send you copies of these.

With regard to the Murray Collection, Mr. Logan received my letter from New York and made an investigation. He hands me the enclosed memorandum. My own feeling is that nothing can be done in this matter. The only practical thing would be to select some good bibliographer and let him or her make a study of the collection for perhaps a week, reading and examining it very carefully. Then we would have a basis upon which to go. And, of course, the price which Mrs. Murray puts upon the stuff is absurd.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

June 25, 1937

16-11-158

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I am enclosing a list of the eighteen European and African scholars who have endorsed the Encyclopaedia with abstracts of their letters. There are three from England, Germany three, Austria one, France two, and South Africa nine.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

[Stokes]

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
a.M.

16-11-162

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

June 29, 1937

Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Anson:

Before he left for a trip around the country to look at libraries, I had a talk with Alvin Johnson about the proposed ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO, and find that, even under the changes in set-up, he is still rather doubtful about the accuracy of your estimates. He told me that he didn't wish to be positive without further details than I can give him and added that, when he returns about August 20, he would be very glad to go over these details with you and/or Dr. Du Bois, and in general to be of any service he can.

Sincerely yours

F. P. KEPPEL

Anson Phelps Stokes

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 30, 1937

Dear Doctor Du Bois:

I am greatly obliged to you for your letter of June 22nd with its enclosures, which will all be very useful to me.

16-11-159

I am amazed to find that Mrs. Murray still has such an exaggerated view of the value of her collection. If it had been available for $5,000 I would have tried to secure it, but $60,000 or anything approaching this figure is, of course, entirely out of the question.

* I am sending you herewith a letter which I have just addressed to Mr. Keppel. I think that it is self-explanatory.

I am particularly glad to have the excerpts from the foreign scholars regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. I am sailing for Europe this Friday to attend the Conference at Oxford on the Church and State. This is the one to which Dr. Oldham has been giving his major attention for the past two years. I shall be back in Washington, if all goes well, on August 7th.

July 1, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

In further answer to your letter of June 10, I am sending herewith a list of some of the important sources for Negro material at home and abroad. This list is fairly complete for the United States; for Europe it is only sketchy; and there is practically nothing of collections in Mexico, Central America, and the West Indies where there are important materials in Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba and elsewhere; and in Brazil and other parts of South America. There is only one note about Canada and nothing about South Africa. I am making further inquiry about collections in all these parts. The inquiry into American material was begun sometime ago, and then came the publication of Miss Porter's article in the "Journal of Negro Education". That article forms the larger and more important part of this report.

16-11-157

I have now sent you Section III of my original list of suggested subjects; a list of European and African scholars who have endorsed the Encyclopaedia; correspondence with Mr. Embree; and the sources for Negro material at home and abroad. I have still to send a copy of the alphabetical list of subjects with bibliographical notes. Mr. Logan and I are still working this over for mistakes and corrections. We will have it in your hands July 15 or before.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

July 1, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Dr. Du Bois has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter from Bishop William Zululand.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Irene Diggs
Secretary to Dr. Du Bois

16-11-105

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
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16-11-160

July 1, 1937

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Fred:

I want to thank you for letting Dr. Du Bois, Professor Loram and myself present to you a fortnight ago the cause of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. You suggested that you did not at this time care for additional information but would like to know that it was available in New York. I am, therefore, writing to say that I have taken out of my files and secured from Dr. Du Bois' office at Atlanta University the following material which is together in a file at the Phelps-Stokes Fund office entitled "Negro Encyclopaedia - Special", and is available to you or your representative at any time:

1. Copy of the Memorandum of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, reprint of March 1936. This contains the history of the movement, full statements as to character of articles, organisation, etc.; also a tentative expense budget - pages 15a, 16 and 16a - showing that we believe that for a total net expenditure of $200,000 we could meet all expenses of preparing an Encyclopaedia of four volumes of approximately 500,000 words each. This memorandum also includes the Act of Incorporation, pages 21 to 23; the incorporators being in addition to myself
Professor Benjamin Brawley of Howard University
President Johnson of Howard University
Professor Du Bois of Atlanta University
Professor Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University
Dr. Dillard, former President of the Jeanes & Slater Funds
and Dr. Leland, the Permanent Secretary of the Council of Learned Societies.

2. Three typewritten volumes containing "A Suggested List of Subjects which an Encyclopaedia of the Negro should treat". This was prepared for us by Dr. Du Bois in 1936. Section I - "The Negro in Africa", pages 1 to 71; Section II - "The Negro in America", pages 72 to 136; Section III - "The Negro in Asia, Europe, West Indies and Latin America", pages 137 to 150.

3. A printed list of representative American scholars, white and colored, from whom letters are on file supporting the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project, and in almost all cases offering to cooperate actively.

4. Excerpts of Letters from Representative European Scholars on the same Subject.

5. An Alphabetical List with Bibliographical Notes as to the major Subjects to be treated in the Encyclopaedia. This represents hundreds of entries.

6. Dr. Du Bois' statement as to the significance of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project. This I consider so important that I am sending you an extra copy of it herewith, because I think you have not seen it.

7. Correspondence with Mr. Embree of the Rosenwald Fund, showing his conversion to the plan. Copies of this are also going to you as it was referred to in our interview and we did not have a copy with us.

16-11-161

As I told you, the Phelps-Stokes Fund can carry the small budget of Professor Du Bois and Professor Robert Park on part time, and of Dr. Logan and Miss Diggs on full time, through next winter. We are most hopeful that sometime this fall or early in the winter it may be possible for your Board to act favorably on our request for a grant of $100,000, conditional upon our securing at least $100,000 additional from other sources. In view of the active support we have received from the most representative learned societies in Europe, Africa and America, and the endorsement of the leading scholars, white and colored, and in view of the important contribution which a body of factual material prepared in the way proposed could make to the cause of Negro advancement and the improving of race relations, we are most hopeful that the Carnegie Corporation will decide that it can make the proposed grants with the understanding, if desired, that not over $25,000 would be called for in any given year.

With great respect, I am,

Sincerely yours

APS:das

P.S. Since dictating the above I have received your letter of June 29th. We shall, of course, be delighted to confer further with Dr. Alvin Johnson as to costs.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 2, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, together with list of some of the important sources for Negro material, have been opened by me in his absence. He has just left to attend the World Conference on Church, Community and State at Oxford. He plans to be back in Washington about August 7th, when your letter and enclosure will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,
Rosalie A. Malone
Secretary

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July 7, 1937

16-6-78

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We enclose herewith the Phelps-Stokes Fund check #629 in the amount of $562.50, being the third quarterly payment due on the Encyclopaedia account for the year 1937 as follows:

Dr. Du Bois' honorarium	$125.00
Dr. Parks' "	62.50
Atlanta Office Expenses	375.00
	$562.50

Sincerely yours

Dorothy A. Sander

Secretary to Mr. Roy

July 9, 1937

16-6-29

My dear Mr. Roy:

Enclosed is my report for the quarter beginning April 1 and ending June 30, 1937. Will you please note two matters: In our last report covering January 1 to March 31, 1937, we have an entry of check No. 582, March 29. The entry should, of course, be January 23, Check No. No payment has been made to Dr. Park this quarter as he is absent in South America. Two payments will be made during the coming quarter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

July 9, 1937

16-6-80

My dear Mr. Roy:

We are waiting patiently for the remittance of $562.50 due July first.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York City

P. S. May we have some blank forms of the "Statement of Funds Received" and "Statement of Expenditures"?

July 10, 1937

16-11-107

Memo to Mr. Stokes:

With regard to Dr. Keppel's letter of June 29, I should be very glad to arrange to have a talk or a series of talks with Mr. Alvin Johnson during the first week of September with special regard to estimates of cost upon which the Encyclopaedia of the Negro has based its plans. It would, of course, be rather necessary to have you present as these estimates were made before I joined the committee.

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1937

My dear Miss Malone:

Enclosed are certain memoranda which I would be glad to have you bring to Mr. Stokes' attention when he returns from Europe.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

16-11-106

Miss Rosalie A. Malone
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July 12, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-6-71

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have received both your financial statement for the quarter ended June 30, 1937 and your note with reference to the check due July 1st.

I find that the check was mailed to you on July 8th and hope that you have received it. All of our checks were late this month due to delay between offices in securing signatures.

I have noted the change of date to January 23rd. The number of the check was 6111. I have also noted that payment was not made to Dr. Parks during the quarter ended June 30th.

Under separate cover I am sending some of the monthly report forms as requested.

Sincerely yours

L. A. Roy

LAR:DAS

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Lenox, Mass.
July 20, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-11

Let me thank you for your letter of July 10th, enclosing certain memoranda regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, which will be brought to Dr. Stokes' attention on his return to Washington about the 6th of August.

This will also acknowledge a group of manuscripts which has also been received from you containing an alphabetical list with bibliographical notes of the subjects which might be treated in an Encyclopaedia of the Negro, and other material. This will also be brought to Dr. Stokes' attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Rosalie A. Malone

Secretary to Dr. Stokes

[July 1937 ?]

Proposed Division of Space for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro

column equals 400 words
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average pager per volume 700 or 560,000 words
four volumes equal 2,240,000 words

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Negro Race	60		48,000	
African Slave Trade	60		48,000	
Negro in the United States	40		32,000	
Negro in the West Indies	40		32,000	
Negro in South America	30		24,000	
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Miscegenation	30		24,000	
Slavery	30		24,000	
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Great Men of Negro Blood and Others

20 at 10 pages each (Note A)	200		160,000	
40 at 5 pages each (Note B)	200		160,000	
		400		320,000

Articles

50 at 10 pages each (Note C)	500		400,000	
200 at 3 pages each (Note D)	600		480,000	
		1,100		880,000

Minor Biographies

400		200		160,000

Minor Articles

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Index

		200		160,000
		2,800		2,240,000

Note A

A List of Thirteen out of a possible Twenty
Biographies of

Great Men of Negro Blood, and Others

41-122-8

Adjai Crowther, Bishop 1812

Askia 18th century (Mohammed Abou Bekr)

Chaka, Chief of Zulus

Christophe

Dessalines

Douglass, Frederick

Dunbar

Heureaux Ulises

Lincoln

Louverture, Toussant

Maceo, Antonio

Pushkin, Alexandre

Washington, Booker T.

Note B

A List of Twenty-three out of a possible Forty
Biographies of

Great Men of Negro Blood, and Others

41-12-9

Sonni Ali

Antar of Arabia

Amen-hotep III (ca. 1400 B. C.)

St. Benedict

Boyer, J. P.

Edmund Wilmot Blyden

Brown, John

Alexandre Dumas

Estevanico

Garrison

George William Gordon

Miguel Kraponzine 1631 Portuguese

Menelik II

Moshesh

Nastosenen

Nefertari (ca. 1700 B. C.) see Chamberlain

Joseph J. Roberts, First president of Liberia

Thaddeus Stevens

Charles Sumner

Empress Tailou

Sakanouye Tamuramaro (Japanese General)

Henry O. Tanner

Phillis Wheatley

Note C

Forty-five out of a possible Fifty

10 page articles

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Abolitionism
Abyssinia
Art and Music
Brazil
Civil Rights
Civil War
Colonization
Colombia
Cuba
Democracy
Demography
Discrimination
Disfranchisement
Education
Emancipation
Family
Folklore
Forced labor
Free Negroes
Fugitive Slaves and Underground Railway
Gold Coast
Haiti
Imperialism
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Jamaica
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Languages, African
Liberia
Literature
Lynching
Mandate System
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Note D

157 out of a possible 200
5 page articles

Ages of Man
Agriculture
Allen, Richard
American Colonization Society
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
Angola
Anti-slavery Society
Attucks, Crispus
Australia
Banks, Negro
Banneker, Benjamin
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ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 9, 1937

16-11-108

My dear Dr. Du Bois:

On my return Saturday from Oxford, where I went to attend the Conference on Church and State, I found awaiting me your letter of July first with enclosures; also your memorandum of July 13th regarding the alphabetical list of bibliographical notes of the major subjects for an Encyclopaedia prepared by you and Dr. Logan. I am forwarding all of these to the Phelps-Stokes Fund Office, and am truly impressed by the excellence of the work which you have done. May I make the following comments:

(1) As to collections in South Africa, I would suggest your writing to Dr. Andrew Dreyer, 91 Hope Street, Cape Town. Dr. Dreyer is the historiographer of the Dutch Church who has made a very special study of the collections of important material on various subjects in South Africa. I know in general that the leading collections dealing with all South African matters are in the following places:

The Government Library, Cape Town
The University of Stellenbosch
The University of Johannesburg
Dr. Dreyer's own collection, which I think has recently been installed at Bloenfontein.
The Stellenbosch Library on African material is the one collected by the late Dr. Du Plessis.

I presume that undoubtedly the Fort Hare College Library has specially interested itself in native literature.

(2) As I think I wrote you once, the greatest collection of material on Brazil in this country is at the Catholic University in Washington. The Pan American Union has a large library.

(3) It would seem to me a little out of balance to give the same number of pages to the Negro in the West Indies as to the Negro in the United States. Surely the latter have played a much more important part in Negro development. I think that the contribution to the West Indian Negroes has been so much overlooked that you are right in emphasizing it, but I can't think that it should be given as much attention as the American Negro. In other words, instead of forty pages for each my tentative suggestion is that the Negro in the United States should be given fifty and the Negro in the West Indies, thirty.

(4) In your Note A I think you can have a better title than "Great Men of Negro Blood and Others". For instance: "Men with Negro Blood and Others prominently identified with Negro history".

(5) In Note B there are of course some omissions. I should think, for instance, that Clarkson and Wilberforce might well be included, also quite clearly I think Dr. Aggrey. It is difficult for us in America to realize the outstanding position that he has in Africa and in England. I have noticed so often that when

I refer to him in an American audience of representative Negroes his name seems to create no response, while I have seldom spoken to any intelligent Englishman who did not know about him. He is a symbol in Africa of Native potentiality and service.

In this list I am sure you will be very specially careful to include no names where Negro blood cannot be proved. In this connection I am a little doubtful about some of the Egyptians, for instance. Possibly the phrase "Great Men with Negro Blood" is better than "Great Men of Negro Blood", for in so many cases the Negro blood is slight.

(6) Here are two authorities who may be of service to you: Professor Rudin of Yale is soon to publish his studies on the Cameroons, which will be authoritative. My old friend, Mr. Nyabongo, who studied in this country and is sometimes referred to as Prince Nyabongo because of his connection with a Native reigning house in Uganda, has just had his thesis on the primitive religions of Uganda accepted for a degree at Oxford. He will be a first class authority on matters that have to do with Uganda.

(7) In your major alphabetical list I think that probably it would be better to omit my name for a special biography. This would prevent criticism and possible injustice to others. It is quite enough to have the Phelps Stokes connection through my Aunt's Foundation.

16-11-109

(8) I am delighted to see that you have gone over this list with considerable care in the matter of correcting mispellings, etc. I can only add that I am really delighted with the work which you and Dr. Logan have done, and am forwarding all the material on for our special file at the New York office.

Always sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. Your secretary has kindly sent me the letter from the Bishop of Zululand. I have looked up in the Church List and find that the Bishop is evidently the Right Reverend Albert William Lee of Vryheid, Natal. As you probably know, the custom in the Church of England is for a Bishop to give his first name followed by the name of the Diocese without using his last name.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

P.S. #2--Since writing the above my attention has also been called to your letter of June 10th with its additional memorandum regarding important collections of material concerning the United States and abroad. I notice that this covers at least partially several of the points which I raised such as those regarding Brazil and South Africa.

A.P.S.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 12, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-11-11D

I have your important letter of July 10th regarding plans for future preliminary work on the Encyclopaedia. I agree heartily with proposals (1), (2), (3), and (4). I also think that we ought to have one and possibly two conferences on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro matter outlined in (5), but think the phrase "Series of Conferences" might produce a wrong impression, although I think we are practically agreed on this.

As to (6), I am inclined to think that we would best postpone the writing of material until we have the financing a little further advanced.

As to a conference with Mr. Alvin Johnson, I enclose copy of a letter which I have just written to him, and will let you know his reply.

Always sincerely yours,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

[Enclosure ?]

August 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Johnson:

In recent conferences with Mr. Keppel about possible aid from the Carnegie Corporation in connection with financing the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro he has suggested that we have further conferences with you on the question of costs. I know that you were very helpful in some preliminary talks with Dr. Du Bois, who has been named the Chairman of our Board of Editors, but now that the matter has progressed further we would greatly appreciate an opportunity to talk with you. I wonder if you would be good enough to let me know something about your plans for the Fall so that I could arrange with Dr. Du Bois to call upon you at some mutually satisfactory date. I must be in Washington in connection with my Cathedral duties until immediately after Labor Day, when I go for my vacation of three or four weeks to Lenox, Massachusetts. Possibly if you are to be in New York on Wednesday, the 8th, September, we could arrange to see you then. If not we will try to find some time later when Dr. Du Bois is to be in the city.

16-11-111

With kindest regards and much appreciation of your cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mr. Alvin S. Johnson
66 West 12th Street
New York City

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

A.P.S.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 18, 1937

16-11-112

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have received a letter from Alvin Johnson under date of August 17th reading as follows:

> "I have just returned from the West and find your letter of August 12th.
>
> I shall be in my office on September 8th and shall be glad to see you and Dr. Du Bois either in the morning or afternoon. Perhaps you will let me know a few days in advance so that I can be sure not to make other appointments."

I think it would probably be well for you to leave these two days open so that I can adjust my dates accordingly. Please let me know if this is satisfactory to you and if you have any preference.

Sincerely yours,

Russa P Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

August 18, 1937

Mr. Alvin Johnson,
The New School for Social Research,
66 West Twelfth Street,
New York City

16-11-113

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of August 17th and am delighted to know that you can see Dr. Du Bois and myself on Wednesday, September the 8th. I shall let you know later as to a convenient time and it is barely possible, if Dean Powell of the Cathedral does not get back until Thursday, that I may have to postpone our visit until then. It will be a great source of help to us to go over the Encyclopaedia matter with you. If you have not a copy of the general memorandum on the Encyclopaedia, which I think probably Dr. Du Bois left with you, I will send it to you in advance so that you will have in mind the general scope of our project.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

aPS

August 25, 1957

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I have just heard about the plans of the Dean of the Cathedral, who wishes to see me here on Wednesday morning, September 8th. I will, however, be in New York on Thursday afternoon, 12th, and if convenient to you I would like very much if Dr. Du Bois and I could have our proposed meeting with you at two O'clock. I presume that the most convenient place will be at your office. Will you let me know if this is convenient? I feel that your advice will be so invaluable that I hope it may be possible for us to have a fairly long interview. I am personally making no other appointment until four o'clock. I also have a feeling that Mr. Keppel will lay great emphasis on your judgment so we are anxious to outline our tentative plans to you fairly carefully and to get your suggestions and reactions.

16-11-114

With much appreciation of your cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. Alvin Johnson

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

a.P.S.

COPY

THE NEW SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH
66 W Twelfth St. New York

August 25, 1937

16-11-115

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Thursday afternoon, September 9th will be entirely satisfactory to me. I shall look for you at my office at two and will keep the deck clear until four.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Alvin Johnson
Director

Mr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Ltr for Dr. DuBois
A.J.

[Copy from A. P. Stokes]
[c. August 28, 1937]

This may interest you
It is a fair statement - alf

Citation used by Dean Milo G. Derham in presenting Charles Templeman Loram for the honorary degree of Doctor of Education at the Commencement Exercises of the University of Colorado, August 28, 1937;--

"Mr. President:

"Six years ago, the candidate whom I have the honor of presenting, was called to Yale University to organize for the first time in any institution of learning, a graduate department designed to promote study and research upon the cultural changes wrought on other peoples by our western civilization. To meet the comprehensive demands of his position as Director of that Department he is well qualified, by the circumstances of his birth, early environment, and native endowment, and by his training and experience.

16-11-86

"A native of South Africa, which presents vividly the contrast of modern cultures with adjacent primitive types, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Capetown. At Cambridge University, England, he won the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. Then, journeying to the United States, he earned at Columbia University the degree, Doctor of Philosophy.

"His earlier experience includes a successful career as teacher, and as county and state superintendent in Natal, where by outstanding ability, keen vision and restless energy, made effective through lectures, books, and articles, he developed a new educational system for the Africans, still in force in that province.

"In recognition of his achievements, that great statesman, General J. C. Smuts, summoned him to ten years' service on the Native Affairs Commission, which sought to evolve an inter-racial policy for South Africa, whereby whites and blacks might live in harmony. He thus became a recognized authority on the anthropological, educational, and race aspects of the African natives, by whom, not in derision and disparagement, but in awe and affection, he is described as "the great elephant, whose tread shakes the earth, the lordly crocodile, the wise two-headed snake, the mighty one, the hairs of whose head can be counted.

"During his residence in the United States he has engaged in the persistent pursuit of knowledge relative to

Loram

the educational and social problems affecting the American Indian, the Negro, and other racial groups. He has made field trips to the southern states, Mexico, Hawaii, Japan, China, and the Philippine Islands. As Director of the Yale University Summer Seminar on Education and Culture Contacts, with special reference to negroes and West Indians; as chairman of the Pan-African Conference on Village Education in Africa, held at Salisbury, Rhodesia; and as Co-director of the Hawaii-Yale Seminar Conference on Education in Pacific Areas, convened in Honolulu, he proved that he was no mere doctrinnaire or sentimental theorist, by translating study and research into practical expression and substantial values.

"For two sessions he has devoted unstintingly to our Summer Quarter, the wealth of his learning, the riches of his experience. The success of the recent Conference on the Changing Indian was mainly due to his skill in organizing, his influence in enlisting able and authoritative speakers, his tact in directing the sessions.

"Eminent services in promoting an understanding of the problems of race relations and in contributing to their solution merit academic recognition. Therefore, Mr. President, on the recommendation of the Executive Council of the Senate of the University of Colorado, I present Charles Templeman Loram for the degree, Doctor of Education (honoris causa)."

16-11-87

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Dr. W. E. B. DuBois
210 West 150th Street
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New York City

16-9-8-91

Dear Dr. BuBois:

Dr. Stokes has telephoned from Washington requesting me to inform you that he is taking the liberty of changing the time of his appointment with you from Thursday at 2: P. M. to Friday at 3: P. M. in Dr. Alvin Johnson's office. He explains that the change is made on account of an important engagement in Washington and also his understanding that you would be free either Thursday or Friday.

Dr. Stokes will be in the offices of the Phelps-Stokes Fund at 11: A. M. on Friday in case you desire to communicate with him before the appointment.

Very sincerely,

TJJ
RLH

Thomas Jesse Jones

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

September 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This will confirm the arrangement which you kindly consented to over the telephone today, by which Dr. Du Bois and I will see you about the Negro Encyclopaedia matter at your office this Friday at three o'clock, instead of Thursday at two. I asked for the change because of certain developments at the Cathedral which would make it almost impossible for me to get away today, although, as I said to you, I would have kept the appointment had the change not been convenient to you.

I am notifying Dr. Du Bois through the Phelps-Stokes Fund. I took the liberty of making the change as he told me that he could keep any appointment this week. I am sending a copy of this letter to him to confirm the arrangement.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I am

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS Stokes

Dr. Alvin Johnson
New School of Social Research
66 West 12th Street
New York City

19-11-118

16-1-66

210 West 150th Street

New York City

September 11, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

Enclosed I have worked out a suggestion of our probable expenses in preparing the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I am submitting this to both you and Dr. Johnson with the request that you both criticize and change it as you think best. Will you kindly return this to me as early as possible, and then I shall get out a statement combining the criticisms of you and Dr. Johnson and submit this again.

Very Sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox, Massachusetts

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West Indies, South America, and Asia	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Education and Religion	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Literature and art		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Biography		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Expert Assistants					
Checkers		2,000	4,000	4,000	10,000
English reviser		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Make-up Editor		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Stenographers	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	10,500
Typists		2,400	3,600	3,600	9,600
Translations		3,000	4,000	3,000	10,000
Payment of Articles including $5,000 for articles ordered and not used: 2,250,000 words at 2¢	5,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
Office					
Rent	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	10,000
Equipment	2,500	500			3,000
Expenses: stationery, postage telephone, etc.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Travel and directors' meetings	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Total	43,000	66,900	75,600	74,600	260,100

61-11-14

September 16, 1937

16-11-116

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I am leaving for Atlanta on Friday but will not reach there until Sunday since I am driving. My address will be Atlanta University.

I received a letter from Dr. Johnson, a copy of which I enclose. I have also sent him today a suggestion as to the assistant editors.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
Lenox, Massachusetts

September 23, 1937

16-11-117

My dear Dr. Stokes:

There is one other man whose cooperation and support would be valuable for the Encyclopaedia and that is Dumas Malone, one of the editors of the Dictionary of American Biography. I do not seem to remember whether we have made contacts with him or not, but at any rate his judgment added to that of Alvin Johnson would be very valuable.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

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September 30, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-6-82

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

We enclose herewith the Phelps-Stokes Fund check #650 in the amount of $562.50, being the last quarterly payment due on the Encyclopaedia account for the year 1936-37, as follows:

Dr. Du Bois' honorarium	$125.00
Dr. Parks' "	62.50
Atlanta Office Expenses	375.00
	$562.50

Sincerely yours

Dudley A. Sauder

Secretary to Mr. Roy

Enclosure

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 4, 1937

16-11-117

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 27th with revised memorandum. This seems to be now in excellent form. I have only one query. Do you think that in the first year you could get along with one stenographer? There will be a great many circulars to send out and a great deal of correspondence with prospective writers. Possibly we ought to increase this amount to $2,000 so as to let you have an additional stenographer during the second half of the year. This would enable you, for instance, to have one at $1400 for the whole year, and one at $600 for the second half. I shall await your reply to this before writing to Dr. Malone and getting Mr. Alvin Johnson's final o.k.

I am delighted at the way this has worked out.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

APS:m

for Dr. Du Bois

[Enclosure]

Memorandum

October 4, 1937

Re: Dictionary of American Biography

16-11-120

The last volume of the Dictionary of American Biography shows that each volume averages having 675 articles, mostly from 500 to 10,000 words. The longest article is "George Washington", 16,500. There is an average of 550,000 words a volume.

It cost $650,000 for 20 volumes, or about $32,500 a volume.

A. F.

October 7, 1937

16-11-121

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letter of October 4 and memorandum. I think you are right about the expenditures for stenographers the first year. It is, of course, a bit difficult to be certain about it. There will have to be a period of final planning covering some months and then considerable activity. In the first period one stenographer would be enough but in the second, two would certainly be necessary. I am inclined to think, therefore, it ought to be increased to $2,000.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

October 14, 1937

My dear Mr. Roy:

Enclosed please find my accounts for the Phelps Stokes appropriation for the third quarter of 1937. For two months during this quarter we had to meet the whole of Miss Diggs' salary instead of one-third of it as is true the rest of the year when Atlanta University furnishes two-thirds. This makes the expense and deficit rather large. However, for the fourth quarter I can bring the deficit down to less than $150 and probably $125. You will notice that for the voucher No. 10 we have only a letter from Dr. Park's secretary. Dr. Park has been absent in South America and when he returns he will send us the signed voucher which we will forward to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
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October 20, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia.

16-6-84
1-9-16

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Your financial report for the "Encyclopaedia of the Negro" was received several days ago, covering expenditures for the third quarter of 1937.

I note that the deficit for the quarter ended September 30th, amounts to $348.02 and that you hope to reduce this amount during the last quarter to about $125.00, more or less. I hope it proves possible to accomplish a substantial reduction in the amount of the deficit, as the total balance in the "Encyclopaedia" account is now only $42.00, and this is still subject to withdrawals to meet any "Encyclopaedia" expenses which Dr. Stokes may find necessary before November 15th, when our fiscal year closes.

Should you find that a deficit is unavoidable as at the end of the last quarter, I would suggest that you send us a statement of the estimated amount of the deficit with explanations of it, in such form as we can present to the Trustees at their meeting on November 17th. Aside from the $42.00 balance mentioned above, we have no funds to which we could charge such a deficit unless and until our Board authorizes additional funds. This statement should be sent at your earliest convenience as we are now preparing the budget for consideration by the Trustees on November 17th.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Roy.

COPY

for Dr. Du Bois

October 20, 1937

Dr. Alvin Johnson
New School of Social Research
60 West 12th Street
New York City

16-11-124

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have had considerable further correspondence with Dr. Du Bois about the budget for the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. He has taken into account all of your criticisms and mine and we now have it in what we hope will be definitive form. I am enclosing it herewith with the request that you let me know if in this form it seems to you entirely satisfactory or if you have any other suggestions to make. I am hoping if it seems to you acceptable, to present it to Mr. Keppel next week.

With real appreciation of your cooperation in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Enc.

from Dr. Du Bois

a.J.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE PROPOSED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO

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Education and Religion	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Literature and Art		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Biography		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Expert Assistants					
Checkers		2,000	4,000	4,000	10,000
English Reviser		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Make-up Editor		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Stenographers(1st year $1500 and $500)	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	11,000
Typists		2,400	3,600	3,600	9,600
Translations		3,000	4,000	3,000	10,000
Payment of articles including $5,000 for articles ordered and not used: 2,250,000 words at 2¢	5,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
Office					
Rent	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	10,000
Equipment	2,500	500			3,000
Expenses: stationery, postage telephone, etc.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Travel and Directors' meetings	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Total	45,500	66,900	75,600	74,600	$260,600

*In the first year the five Assistant Editors may be differently assigned.

October 20, 1937

221-11-91

My dear Dr. Stokes:

I spent nearly two hours yesterday talking with Jackson Davis of the General Education Board. He is now in the New York office instead of being in charge of the Southern Field, and I take it a much more influential position. He said frankly that he had no reason to suppose that the Board would make any different decision the next time it considered the Encyclopaedia project, but nevertheless he wanted to be intelligent on the subject. I showed him the correspondence especially the foreign correspondence with anthropologists throughout the world. He examined both the first three volume list of subjects and the last one which we got out. He was especially interested in our plan for the allocation of space and in our budget. He said that he was convinced that there was need and growing need for such an Encyclopaedia and seemed to think that we had done some excellent preliminary work. He said that the difficulty in the case of the General Education Board was that they were committed to a large program for the development of Negro universities and that there was very little that they dared undertake outside that main program. We talked also about Atlanta University and its future work especially in creative scientific lines. He said he was very anxious for me to talk with Mr. Stevens and I told him that at any time there was a good opportunity, if he would drop me a line, I would come to New York and have an interview with Mr. Stevens and others. Bye the bye, Mr. Scott, a member of the General Education Board was also here this week. I had some pleasant general conversation with him but did not specifically mention the Encyclopaedia.

When he left he went to the office of Dr. Caldwell whom you may know. He is a former professor of Education at Columbia University and secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has retired but is heading the Department of Education here temporarily in order to help build it up. Dr. Caldwell spoke to me afterwards and said that I had "registered" with Mr. Davis. And further he made

this rather extraordinary sug estion which must have come to him from Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis had told him among other things that the General Education Board had pledged an additional $1,700,000 to Atlanta University on condition and as fast as the University raised a similar sum. Dr. Caldwell suggested that it might be feasible for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro to raise $130,000 and have the General Education Board furnish the other $130,000 and allocate it to the promised Atlanta University endowment. In this case it would, of course, be necessary to get the consent first of the Atlanta University Trustees and secondly of the General Education Board. Dr. Caldwell thought that the latter might be easy.

I am handing on this information. I confess that I do not know just what ought to be done. If the Atlanta University board should assent to this I do not know what strings they might want to put to it. Personally, I should think they would jump at the opportunity. Then, I am not sure as to how our board would view the matter and what effect it would have on our plans. I am, therefore, simply relaying the information to you for your judgment and consideration.

We are re-working the list of subjects with the help of Mr. Logan and I am getting the matter of the definition of Negro in such shape as to be able to consult anthropologists pretty soon. The data in a dozen or more latest studies of Africa are being collated.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

16-11-126

Washington, D. C.
October 20, 1937

My dear Mr. Malone:

You will remember something about our project for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. We have been making a good deal of preliminary progress through preparing lists with brief bibliographies of the major subjects to be covered, finding out the most important collections of source material here and abroad, securing endorsements from the world's leading scholars, obtaining names of people best qualified to prepare different articles, approximate assignment of space, etc. Dr. Du Bois and I had the privilege of presenting the matter in person to Mr. Keppel a few months ago. He seemed really very much interested, but questioned whether our budget was adequate and wanted us to go over it very carefully with Dr. Alvin Johnson, the Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. As a result we are increasing it from our original $225,000 to $260,500. I enclose a copy of the budget as tentatively agreed upon, and which Dr. Johnson thinks is a fair one. I would like, from your experience, to know what you think of it. You will remember that we have in mind four volumes of about 2,000,000 words. I shall greatly appreciate your reactions.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. Dumas Malone
Harvard University
Cambridge,
Massachusetts

Enc.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 22, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Editor
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

16-11-123

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am deeply interested in your letter of October 20th. I think it a matter of real importance that you have made contacts with Jackson Davis and that he was impressed by and interested in the data you have got together. I am sure that no impartial person could fail to be so, although, as I have indicated, I think there are certain matters which have to do with the education of the Negro in this country that deserve even more attention.

I have an appointment with Mr. Fosdick next week on another matter and I shall probably mention the Encyclopaedia subject to him. I am also seeing Mr. Keppel at lunch on Tuesday and if, as I hope, I get Dr. Johnson's reply by that time, I shall talk with him again about the Encyclopedia matter.

The Atlanta University possibility seems to me a real one. The principal difficulties, as I see it, would be:

First, that there are no adequate library facilities in Atlanta. I mean adequate in comparison with those in Washington or New York.

The second is that it would be much more difficult to have the degree of cooperation between white and Colored scholars that we could have in New York, or even in Washington.

Of course it is barely possible that if it were taken on as a joint project of Atlanta University and of our Committee, some plan could be worked out for having the headquarters outside of Atlanta just as Yale carries on special anthropological work in Florida, or Harvard astronomical work in Chile. I happen to know at present of a project which has been approved in principle by which Harvard University is to conduct a special institution in Washington. I consequently would merely say that I think the possibilities you have raised are worthy of exploration and although I see difficulties they are not insurmountable.

The all important thing now is to move forward on the Carnegie Corporation, which I happen to know is in a rather good state financially. I shall consequently press this as soon as I hear from Dr. Johnston.

With kindest regards, and thanking you for your excellent letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

October 25, 1937

My dear Mr. Roy:

Answering your letter of October 20, I beg to say that under no circumstances would I hold the Phelps-Stokes Fund responsible for any deficit incurred beyond the appropriation. As I have said the deficit will probably be around $150 by December 31. In that case, and if no further appropriation is made for 1938, I would of course bear the deficit myself. If a further appropriation is made I should like to transfer the deficit to next year. I have put down my expenditures chiefly for information and not with the expectation of any reimbursement beyond the regular appropriation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. L. A. Roy
Phelps Stokes Fund
New York City
New York

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

October 27, 1937

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

15-31-34

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

This is a note to report various things to you:

(1) A letter was received from Dr. Alvin Johnson yesterday. It read as follows:

October 25, 1937

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letter of October 20th and the copy of the estimated expenses of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. This appears to me entirely adequate and satisfactory.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Alvin Johnson

This ought to carry great weight with Dr. Keppel as he specially asked us to get Dr. Alvin Johnson's advice. It means that we will have to increase our total budget from $225,000 to $260,000.

(2) At the luncheon at the Town Hall Club yesterday to the group of visiting African educators Mr. Jackson Davis came up to me and spoke of his interview with you in Atlanta. He told me frankly that he was very favorably impressed with your objective attitude towards the whole proposal and with the significance of the material you had collected and of the letters of endorsement from the scholars of the world. Indeed, the interview created such a favorable impression that he informed me he had arranged with Mr. Stevens, who is Director of Humanities with the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation, to have me see him about the possibility of our renewing our application. Of course he did not commit the Boards in any way, but his attitude is distinctly favorable to our project, although he says that most of the money that they have set apart for Negro work in the next few years is going into higher education. I think we can show, however, that nothing will advance the cause of Negro higher education more than our project, both for the authoritative information it will provide, and for the opportunity it will give young Negro scholars.

(3) I had a meeting with Mr. Raymond Fosdick later in the day about an entirely different matter. He is, as you know, both the new President of the Rockefeller Foundation and of the General Education Board, so I took the oppor-

tunity of telling him a word about developments. He seemed interested.

(4) Would you be good enough to let me know what times between now and Christmas you can be in the east, for I want to arrange for an interview with Mr. Stevens when you can accompany me, and it may be advisable for us to get the Executive Committee together. Among other things we must discuss the matter of an Associate Editor. It is clear that we must have a younger man than Dr. Park. You will remember Dr. Johnson's reaction on this subject. The two possibilities that have appealed most to me are that we find one of the younger men from the University of North Carolina, or that we get the Assistant Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, about whom Dr. Johnson spoke to us--I think that his name was Bernhard J. Stern. Perhaps you will give this matter special consideration. I am asking Dr. Loram, who has just been spending a few weeks at the University of North Carolina, where a good many of the liberal white leaders of the country were present to meet the African educators, to give me his reactions.

15-34-35

(5) I will have to go away again today for meetings in Southern Virginia, but on returning I will draft a letter to Mr. Keppel of which I will send you a copy. This will be for the purpose of transmitting to him our revised budget.

(6) I am not without hope that we can get the General Education Board and Rockefeller Foundation each to give a hundred thousand dollars to our project. Of course if they would each give $130,000, it would be better yet, but I doubt whether this will be possible, and I think that by hard work we could get a few Foundations or individuals who would make up the remainder.

(7) As to the possibility of the Atlanta University connection, I think that this should only be considered as a last resort for in the long run we will gain by being at the national Capital with its libraries and other collections, in accordance with our Act of Incorporation and previous decision. If we should leave here I think that New York would probably be the best place and anyway I think that there is more chance of our getting the money and carrying the thing through successfully if we retain our independence of any institution.

(8) The Phelps-Stokes Fund meets for its Fall meeting on November 17th. I will see that the $2500 appropriation is renewed. I think we have enough in the amount set aside for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project to carry us up to the first of January, 1939, by which time we shall hope to have the project fully financed.

I can't over emphasize my appreciation of what you and Dr. Logan have done in collecting all this invaluable material. It will all be of vital importance both in interesting the Foundations and in enabling the Encyclopaedia staff, when it gets together, to make a running start.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Copies to:
Professor Brawley
Phelps-Stokes Fund Office

COPY

for Dr. DuBois

A.P.S.

October 29, 1957

Mr. Dumas Malone, Director
Harvard University Press
38 Quincy Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Malone:

16-11-56

Thanks immensely for your very helpful letter of October 26th regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I notice that the total allowance of $260,000 seems to you sufficient but that you think that we may need some little readjustment by having fewer Associate Editors in the later period and more checkers. I am very much obliged for your comments.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

APS:m

[Enclosures?]

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
A. P.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS

Executive Offices
38 Quincy Street

October 26, 1937

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stokes:

I am interested to learn that you are making progress on your project for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I do not feel that my membership in the Advisory Board has been of any value to you so far.

16-11-55

The copy of the budget which you sent me is of great interest. So far as I can judge from our experience on the D. A. B., your allowance of $260,600 seems sufficient. We published twenty volumes of some 11,000,000 words for about $650,000. The expenses of a smaller work would naturally be greater in proportion, but it seems to me that your allowance is safe if management is good. I do not feel qualified to pass on the details of your estimate, but may I suggest on the basis of my own experience that the cost of checking is likely to be considerably greater than anticipated. In the end we had six checkers, though the number of assistant editors had by that time been considerably reduced. In so far as I have any suggestion at all, therefore, it is that you allow more for checking and less for the minor editors, although the expense of the checking might very well increase after the work of planning had been done and the editorial staff itself could be reduced. I do not think we allowed quite as much for office expenses, but I am not disposed to make a point of that. After all, the only proof of this sort of thing is the actual operation of the organization. Your editors will be able to readjust details after a few months' experience.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Dumas Malone

DM:MG

November 1, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letter of October 27. I am very glad we have Dr. Johnson's approval. I can come up at any time between November 6 and Christmas. There is no particular preference as to date except that it would be better if it could cover a week end. Kindly let me know as far in advance as possible.

With regard to the Associate Editor. I should be very glad to talk this over at length with you and the committee and to interview some people; but I hope that the decision will not be arrived at too quickly. In fact I think that perhaps it would be better to have a decision after we get enough money in sight to make a pretty definite offer. A large part of the responsibility of the Encyclopaedia would fall upon the Associate Editor and I should want to know the candidate personally pretty well. In the case of Guy Johnson of North Carolina, for instance, I should have some objections: I cannot see how a man who seriously argues that Negro folk songs originated and were developed by white people has exactly the mental balance for this work. But as I do not know Mr. Johnson personally I am not in position to make final judgment. There is another southern man for whom I have the highest respect, Arthur Raper, who is more or less in hot water at Agnes Scott because of his outspoken stand on lynching. On the other hand, I am very much impressed by Mr. Johnson's recommendation of Stern. He seems to me theoretically exactly the kind of man: well trained, impartial and a hard worker; but I have never met him.

I do not think we can afford to choose a man because he is a liberal southerner. There are several kinds of that sort of person and I have had some experience with them. Some are liberal because it pays; some are liberal in certain matters with regard to the Negro and reactionary with regard to all other matters, other questions and other people; and so many are apt to regard their liberality as calling for praise and reward when as a matter of fact it ought to be simply human. On the whole then I should like to canvas the possibilities or have the committee canvas the possibilities without seeking a decision immediately.

With regard to Atlanta University. It would of course be absolutely necessary that the work of the Encyclopaedia be carried on largely if not entirely in the North, whether the University came into the project or not. I do not think there would be any question or objection on the part of the University to such a plan.

I just have your letter from Malone this morning. I think it is splendid backing for our calculations.

Very sincerely,

W. E. B. Du Bois

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 3, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

You will remember that I wrote to Dr. Loram of Yale about the matter of a possible Associate Director. In a reply from him he says:

> I have thought a good deal about an Associate Director for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project and my mind comes back again to Dr. Guy Johnson. I believe he has the requisite knowledge, industry and judgment. His two lectures at the Conference were excellent. Two other factors enter into my support of Dr. Johnson. (a) He can always call for advice on Dr. Odum who is, I suppose, our greatest research sociologist as far as the South is concerned. (b) His wife, Dr. Guyon Johnson has shown great capacity for research. Her account of the earlier days in North Carolina--published by the University of North Carolina press--has now the universal approval of those competent to judge. If the husband and wife would work together (e.g. $4000 for Dr. Guy and $2000 for Dr. Guyon) a great deal would be gained, including the valuable participation of a woman. Of course Dr. Odum himself would be one's first choice, but he is committed to a number of researches and has already refused to leave Chapel Hill.
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> Unfortunately I do not know Dr. Stern but he would have to be good to equal Dr. Guy Johnson and might have to learn a good deal about the Negro. I am not discounting his practical experience in the preparation of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences.

16-11-51

It is evident from Dr. Loram's letter that he would himself be glad to be associated with the project. On this matter he says:

> You were good enough to mention my name. Apart from my ability there is the question of my residence and the task I have in hand. I should dearly love to be associated with this work, chiefly because I should like to see that Africa and Anthropology are adequately represented. My respect and admiration for Dr. Du Bois are such that I could easily work with him. But, as you know, I want to give my remaining years to the study and teaching of Culture Contacts and Race Relations.
>
> Since I am writing about myself let me say that if the work could be done at Yale with periodical visits to Washington I should love to be the assistant editor in charge of Africa and Anthropology, in which subjects I regard myself entirely competent.

Interestingly enough, Dr. Alvin Johnson is coming to Yale to take charge of a sister department to my own in the Graduate School viz. the Division of General Studies. I fully expect to have close relationships with Dr. Alvin Johnson, which relations might be of advantage to our project.

I hand these comments on for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Arnold Hedgeman

16-11-52

APS:m

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 4, 1937

16-11-53

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter of November first.

As to an Associate Editor, I of course agree with you fully that we must meet and discuss the matter and come to a decision very cautiously. I would never dream of approaching any one on this matter except after consultation with you and the Executive Committee, and I think that under our Constitution we would probably have to have a mail vote of approval from the Advisory Council. What I would suggest is that you make out a list of the different persons suggested. Only when we get a large number of names before us can we act wisely.

As you know, I was very much impressed with the suggestion of Mr. Stern and believe that matter distinctly worth following up. With this in mind I enclose copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Alvin Johnson.

As to Professor Guy Johnson, strangely enough I have only met him once and then casually. I have not read his book on the Spirituals, to which you refer, but I have been impressed by other things of his which show that he is a very open minded man, for instance his frank discussion of the possibility of admitting Negro students to the graduate courses of white universities in the South. It is clear, I think, that he believes that ultimately this may be the wisest solution. For a Southerner to even discuss this matter rather sympathetically in public is quite remarkable.

I would be interested to have you get Charles Johnson's opinion of him. I know they have worked together a good deal and there is no man in the South, white or colored, in whose general fairness I have more confidence.

There are Southern men with a liberal tradition who have no prejudices whatever. I have in mind, for instance, Mr. Clark Foreman.

There might be something in favor of a man who is an authority on Africa, but the Associate Editor must be someone who can give his full time to the work, which I doubt if Dr. Loram could do. I do not know Mr. Raper, to whom you refer. Here is a group, then, of five or six names with which you might start your list of candidates: Professor Guy Johnson; Professor Loram, Mr. Bernhard Stern; Professor Robert Park (although I think we must get a younger man); Mr. Arthur Raper, Mr. Clark Foreman. Many others will suggest themselves.

As to a date for meeting, as you suggest any time between November 6th and Christmas, and thinking that it might conceivably be of convenience to some to come in the Thanksgiving week-end I am suggesting Saturday, November 27th, at ten o'clock at my house in Washington. I will ask the members of the Committee to be my guests at lunch. I have called up Professor Brawley and find that this date would be satisfactory to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. One advantage in having an Associate Editor decided upon and willing to accept is that I think it would carry weight with the Foundations if we had a man of the highest scholarly standing.

for Dr. Du Bois
A. P. S.

[Enclosure]

COPY

November 4, 1937

Dear Dr. Johnson:

In the first place may I, as one who spent 27 years at Yale, say how very much pleased I am to know that you are going to Yale as the Director of Economic Studies. I am delighted to have a man of your breadth of experience, liberality, and training in this important position.

When Dr. Du Bois and I talked with you about the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project you suggested one of your former associates on the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences as a possible Associate Editor with Dr. Du Bois. I think it was Mr. Bernhard Stern. As we are having a meeting of our Executive Committee of the Encyclopaedia this Fall and wish before us a list of a dozen or more of the most promising men who might be considered for this position I would very much appreciate it if you would send me a note about Mr. Bernhard Stern which I might show the Committee. Should any other names occur to you of men who would carry weight as the principal associate of Dr. Du Bois in this project, I would be glad to have you add their names and any comments.

16-11-54

I took the liberty of sending our revised budget, which you did so much to help us to develop, to our mutual friend, Mr. Dumas Malone, the Editor of the Dictionary of American Biography. You will be glad to see his reply, of which * I enclose a copy. It adds additional weight to your judgment. I am communicating with Mr. Keppel next week, giving him the revised estimate.

You will be glad to know that Mr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board has told me that he is greatly impressed with the material that Dr. Du Bois and Dr. Logan have got together in the past two years, and has told me that he has spoken to Dr. Stevens of the General Education Board about the project with a view to my making an appointment to see him about a possible grant from the General Education Board.

I am hoping that the Carnegie Board and the General Education Board will each contribute at least a hundred thousand dollrs to the project. Of course if we could get them to divide the $200,000 it would be ideal, and in view of the fact that the Phelps-Stokes Fund will have put about $10,000 into preliminary work they may be willing to do it.

Your cooperation has been invaluable. If you feel that you can say informally a word to Mr. Keppel or Mr. Fosdick or others about the project at any time, we shall appreciate it.

I am, with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. Alvin Johnson
New School of Social Research
60 West 12th Street
New York City

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 9, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

11-17-37

You will probably get in your mail tomorrow a call for the meeting of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro Executive Committee at my house on Saturday, November 27th, at 9:30 a.m. We shall serve lunch here.

If you would like to bring Dr. Logan on, I would entirely approve and would see that his expenses, as well as yours, are met.×

I enclose copy of a very encouraging letter just received from Dr. Alvin Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Enc.

× That item would come from my $250 share of our $2500 budget.

[Enclosure]

COPY

THE NEW SCHOOL
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH
66 W Twelfth St New York

November 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I have your letter of November 4th. I have already put in a word for you with Keppel who seems to be decidedly friendly toward your project. If I get a chance I shall put in a word with Fosdick.

16-11-58

You ask me for some comments on Bernhard Stern whom I have suggested as a possible associate editor with Dr. Du Bois. Dr. Stern wrote an excellent monograph on Social Factors in Medical Progress and an extremely good book on Lewis Henry Morgan. He was assistant professor of sociology at the University of Washington from 1927-30 and from 1930-34 he worked under me as one of the assistant editors of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. He is a well trained anthropologist and from the present point of view he has the important qualification that he is a militant critic of all theories of race inequality. He was a tactful and efficient editor, very easy to get on with and cooperative. He has an inquiring and fertile mind, an excellent capacity for the organization of material.

Another name you might wish to consider is that of Dr. Herskovits at the University of Chicago who has already done a great deal of work on the Negro. I have a high regard for him but it is possible that he may have aroused antagonism that would reduce his usefulness.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson
Director

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 10, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I am enclosing herewith the call for the meeting at my house on November 27th. As I have already written you, if you feel disposed to bring Dr. Logan along, I should entirely approve. He has helped you so much in preparing the material that his knowledge will be valuable and I would be glad to have him and the members of the Executive Committee meet each other. But I leave this matter entirely to your decision.

16-11-60

Please be sure to bring up such copies as you have of the various lists so that they may be looked over by the different members as this will be an excellent time to get suggestions. I think it looks hopeful for a good meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Susan Sheppard Lathers

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

Enc.

[Enclosure]

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16-11-61

Washington, D. C.
November 10, 1937

Dear Sir:

A highly important meeting of the Executive Committee of the ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO will be held at the house of the Chairman, 2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., November 27th, at 9:30 A.M. Lunch will be served at half past twelve, and it is probable that the meeting can be brought to a close by three o'clock.

There are several highly important matters to consider, among them the following:

(1) The election, subject to the approval of the Advisory Council, of an Associate Editor. It will be remembered that Dr. Robert Park was named for one year, his term expiring December 31st, and it is probable that a younger man should be chosen to succeed him as Dr. Du Bois' associate.

(2) The more important subjects which should be covered by the Encyclopaedia and the relative allocation of space to each.

(3) The principal sources of printed and manuscript material regarding the Negro, both at home and abroad.

(4) The authorities who might be invited to contribute the more important articles.

(5) The list of scholars and publicists at home and abroad whose opinion of the Encyclopaedia project is now available.

(6) The revised budget made after careful consultation with Dr. Alvin Johnson, Associate Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, and Dr. Malone, the Editor of the Dictionary of American Biography. This increases the budget from $225,000 to $260,000.

(7) The proposed organization of the Editorial Staff.

(8) The best working definition of the word "Negro".

(9) The encouraging preliminary progress made with two Foundations and consideration of other possible sources of financial support.

(10) The deciding on plans for the coming year pending the securing of the necessary financial grants.

(11) The proposed authorization to a sub-committee to act for the Committee in certain matters.

(12) Other matters of policy.

(13) Number One --the selection of a white scholar (presumably on full time) to be Dr. Du Bois' main associate-- represents a matter of major importance. Half a dozen names have already been suggested. It is hoped that each member of the Committee will come prepared with suggestions.

It is believed that the members of the Executive Committee will be pleased at the progress which Dr. Du Bois, with the assistance of Dr. Logan, has made during the past two years, as covered by items 2 to 5. These are matters mainly in the hands of the Editors, but suggestions and criticisms regarding the lists to be presented will be most welcome.

16-11-62

The travelling expenses of members to the meeting will be met.

Sincerely hoping that you may be able to attend the meeting and that you will let me know your plans, I am

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

November 12, 1937

16-11-37

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have your letters of November third and fourth. I shall be glad to come Saturday, November 27, but I note that you say nothing about the meeting with Mr. Stevens of the General Education Board. Your earlier suggestion was that we might meet Mr. Stevens and then have the meeting of the Board. Has anything been arranged about that?

I have not been able to get into communication with Dr. Park this year. He went to South America early in the summer and was to be home in October but my check to him in October has not been acknowledged and I do not know whether he has returned or not.

You will be interested to know that Henry Holt and Company have asked me to revise or rather re-write my little book on the Negro in the Home University Library. The new book will be a volume of 75,000 to 80,000 words and designed for the general reader and as a textbook in colleges. This will be a good introduction for me to the work of the Encyclopaedia.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

November 17, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

16-11-63

I appreciate your offer to include Dr. Logan in the trip to Washington but I hesitate to ask him. There is a little feeling about some of us being absent too much from University duties and probably it would be wisest for only one of us to be away at a time. I, therefore, have not broached the matter to Dr. Logan but I will think it over and if it seems best I will mention it.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 17, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th. I have been unusually rushed lately. In fact, from the middle of October to the first of December is always the busiest time of my year--so many agencies are getting their winter's work started in Washington. I enclose self-explanatory copy of my letter to Dr. Stevens.

16-11-64

I have already acceptances from you, Messrs Kinckle Jones, Dillard Brawley, and Loram, so things are very promising for a good meeting.

I am delighted that Holt is asking you to rewrite your book on the Negro in the Home University Library. This will, I think, be distinctly worth while.

I should perhaps add that one of the reasons why I have been a little more busy than usual is that I am myself writing a book on Church and State in the United States. It is an historical study of religious freedom.

I preached last Sunday morning at Howard University and was deeply impressed by the really beautiful atmosphere of worship which Dean Thurman has developed there. He and Dean Mays make a great combination, supplementing each other. It is fine to see this important Divinity School combining fine intellectual and spiritual qualities in its leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Enc.

[Enclosure]

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois

Washington, D. C.
November 17, 1937

16-11-65

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Mr. Jackson Davis told me a fortnight ago that he had been greatly impressed with the material which Dr. Du Bois has got together in making the preliminary studies for our proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. He also told me that he had spoken to you and that you would be glad to see Dr. Du Bois and myself regarding a possible grant from Rockefeller sources. The situation has so changed and so much work has been done since this matter was considered in a very preliminary way several years ago that it seemed fair and right to Mr. Davis that it should be taken up again on its merits.

The Executive Committee of the Encyclopaedia project, which consists of Dr. Millard, Mr. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Professor Lorem, President Johnson, Professor Brawley, and myself, are meeting with Dr. Du Bois at my house all day Saturday, November 27th, to go over various plans. We are also hoping to have Mr. Leland, the Permanent Secretary of the Council of Learned Societies, who is one of our incorporators and a member of our Advisory Board, present with us. Dr. Du Bois is coming north especially for this meeting and consequently I should like, if possible, to arrange to see you in New York either before or after the 27th. Unfortunately I have appointments in Washington which cannot be broken for all of Friday afternoon, the 26th, but I am wondering whether we could not meet Monday morning, the 6th. If so I am sure that it would be convenient for Dr. Du Bois and we could meet you at any time that was most convenient.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. David H. Stevens,
Director of Division for the Humanities,
Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York City

Copy for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.

[Enclosure]

November 17, 1937

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Keppel:

You will remember that under date of April 10, 1934 I made a preliminary appeal to the Carnegie Corporation on behalf of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro, expressing the hope that it would "contribute a total of $100,000 over a four-year period -- i.e. $25,000 a year for four years beginning January 1, 1935 -- towards the total budget of approximately $225,000 which we are trying to raise for this purpose." At the time I sent you full information regarding the origin of this movement, its incorporation, the names of its officers, its plans, etc. Since that time we have referred to the matter incidentally several times in correspondence, and Dr. Du Bois and I had the privilege of having an appointment with you on June 10th, 1937 to discuss the matter more definitely. At that time we showed you the classified material which Dr. Du Bois and his assistant, Dr. Logan, have collected as a result of the work which the Phelps-Stokes Fund has financed for the past two years, including such matters as lists of principal subjects to be covered in the Encyclopaedia, the names of scholars at home and abroad who have endorsed the project, the proposed amount of space to be assigned to different subjects, the leading sources of printed and manuscript material regarding the Negro, etc. Under date of July first I gave you a statement of the character and extent of this important material and informed you that it was available at any time for inspection in the office of the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

16-11-66

At our interview this summer you expressed some doubt as to the accuracy of our estimate of $225,000 for the total cost of the Encyclopaedia, and suggested that we should confer further with Dr. Alvin Johnson, Associate Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, on this matter. You evidently wanted, as we also did, a budget that would stand the stress of actual experience.

As a result of this suggestion Dr. Du Bois and I spent about three hours on the afternoon of September 10th with Dr. Johnson in his office, going over all the material with him. After this conference and with his approval, it was decided to increase the budget from $225,000 to $260,600, an increase of approximately $35,000, or about 15% over the original budget prepared five years ago. The budget, as drafted as a result of this conference, is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE PROPOSED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO

(As revised by Dr. DuBois and Dr. Stokes after conferences with Dr. Alvin Johnson -- October, 1937)

	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	Total
Two Editors					
Chairman	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$8,000	$32,000
Associate	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	24,000
Assistant Editors*					
Africa and Anthropology	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
History and Sociology	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Economics	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
West Indies, South America and Asia	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Education and Religion	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Literature and Art		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Biography		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Expert Assistants					
Checkers		2,000	4,000	4,000	10,000
English Reviser		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Make-up- Editor		3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Stenographers (1st year $1,500 and $500)	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	11,000
Typists		2,400	3,600	3,600	9,600
Translations		3,000	4,000	3,000	10,000
Payment of articles including $5,000 for articles ordered and not used: 2,250,000 words at 2¢	5,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
Office					
Rent	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	10,000
Equipment	2,500	500			3,000
Expenses: stationery, postage Telephone, etc.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Travel and Directors' meetings	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Total:	$43,500	$66,900	$75,600	$74,600	$260,600

* In the first year the five Assistant Editors may be differently assigned.

Under date of September 16th after the conference referred to and the submission to him of a revised budget taking into account his suggestions, Dr. Johnson wrote me:

> "As the project now stands I am sure you will convince Keppel that you have taken into account every item of cost and that you can actually deliver the work on that budget."

Furthermore, after a few final readjustments, when the budget exactly as fully outlined above was sent him, he wrote under date of October 25, 1937:

> "I have your letter of October 20th and the copy of the estimated expenses of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. This appears to me entirely adequate and satisfactory."

16-11-68

Dr. Johnson and I also thought it well to check the matter up with Dr. Malone of the "Dictionary of American Biography", as next to Dr. Johnson he as the person best qualified to give information on the subject. I therefore sent him a copy of this budget, and in his acknowledgement under date of October 26th he said:

> "I am interested to learn that you are making progress on your project for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I do not feel that my membership in the Advisory Board has been of any value to you so far.
>
> The copy of the budget which you sent me is of great interest. So far as I can judge from our experience on the D. A. B., your allowance of $260,600 seems sufficient. We published twenty volumes of some 11,000,000 words for about $650,000. The expenses of a smaller work would naturally be greater in proportion, but it seems to me that your allowance is safe if management is good. I do not feel qualified to pass on the details of your estimate, but may I suggest on the basis of my own experience that the cost of checking is likely to be considerably greater than anticipated. In the end we had six checkers, though the number of assistant editors had by that time been considerably reduced. In so far as I have any suggestion at all, therefore, it is that you allow more for checking and less for the minor editors, although the expense of the checking might very well increase after the work of planning had been done and the editorial staff itself could be reduced. I do not think we allowed quite as much for office expenses, but I am not disposed to make a point of that. After all, the only proof of this sort of thing is the actual operation of the organization. Your editors will be able to readjust details after a few months' experience."

We are under obligations to you for suggesting that we check our budget further with Dr. Johnson, whose suggestions were also extremely valuable as to the general administration of the work and determining the duties of various persons connected with the Editorial Staff. He seems to think our project is now a thoroughly sound one.

I am therefore writing to renew the request contained in my letter of April 10, 1934, with the modification that our total budget is to be $260,600 instead of $225,000. I should add that Dr. Johnson very strongly recommends that we should not consider, in preparing our budget, the question of receipts from sales, thinking that these should not go towards reducing the total expense of the project, but that any profit from Encyclopaedia sales should be devoted to some important object in connection with Negro education or research, as specifically suggested in our "Memorandum on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro" of which you have a copy (Section XI, page 16).

The Executive Committee of our Encyclopaedia of the Negro is to meet at my house in Washington all day Saturday, November 27th, to take action on the selection of a white scholar as a permanent Associate of Dr. Du Bois in the Editorship and to transact other business. This Committee consists of Messrs. Benjamin Brawley, James H. Dillard, Robert R. Moton, Mordecai W. Johnson, C. T. Loram, Eugene Kinckle Jones, and myself. We are also inviting Mr. Waldo G. Leland, one of our Incorporators, and the local member of our Advisory Committee, to meet with us. I mention this date for your information as should there be any other matters on which you would like our opinion or action I would be glad to have it brought to our attention at that time.

16-11-69

I should also add that Mr. Jackson Davis of the General Education Board recently went over all of Dr. Du Bois' material in Atlanta and was so impressed by it that he has arranged with Mr. Stevens of the General Education Board to have Dr. Du Bois and me see him in the near future regarding the possibility of a grant toward the project from one of the Rockefeller Boards.

Of course it would be highly gratifying to us if the Carnegie Corporation would consider the possibility of a total grant of $130,000, instead of $100,000 as originally proposed, making one-half of the amount needed. I do not, however, wish to press this as I am perfectly willing, if you think best, to stand by our original request, and believe that if we can secure two grants of $100,000 each from large Foundations, we can get the remainder needed from other sources. I should perhaps add that the Phelps-Stokes Fund's contribution of $10,000 will be exhausted December 31, 1938, and we consequently are most anxious to follow up this invaluable preliminary work by being able to finance the project itself by that time. Indeed from every standpoint it would be advisable to begin the regular work of compilation September 1st.

May I merely repeat that from a fairly broad knowledge of the field of Negro progress and race relations I am increasingly convinced that the publication of such an Encyclopaedia of the Negro as proposed under responsible auspices will give a body of invaluable information, and that from the point of view of sound ultimate results in many fields, the same amount of money could not be spent more effectively, if as effectively, in any other field.

With great appreciation of the friendly spirit you have shown in our preliminary negotiations, I am,

Sincerely yours

APS:das

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

16-11-71

I hope that you have received the copy of my letter to Mr. Keppel, which I mailed you yesterday from New York. I spent about a half an hour at our Phelps Stokes Trustees meeting showing them the exhibits of the work of the last two years, and they were all highly gratified.

Mr. Roy showed me your thoughtful letter about the deficit, but our Committee was unanimous in thinking that as you had been doing this work at only a trifling honorarium it would not be right to have you pay the $150 out of your own pocket or deduct it from the appropriation for next year. Consequently it was voted you, and you will receive it in due course. We approved the $2500 appropriation for the project for the year beginning January 1, 1938, with the understanding that you should have such amount of this as might be needed. I really am very hopeful that we can get our permanent appropriation so as to begin work by September first.

I hope you will think my letter to Mr. Keppel is a fair and helpful one. I shall await his reply with the greatest interest, but presume that as big Foundations move slowly we will not hear for a couple of months.

Very sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. As in the past $250.00 of the $2500 will be available for such expenses as I may incur in connection with meetings, etc. This appropriation completes the $10,000 which the Phelps-Stokes Fund will have expended in getting the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project launched. I cannot think of a more useful expenditure of this amount of money in the interest of Negro progress and interracial understanding.

November 19, 1937

16-11-70

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I have a copy of your letter to Dr. Keppel and I think it states the case adequately. I have talked with Mr. Logan and he will be able to leave Friday and miss only one class which he thinks will be all right. You may, therefore, expect both of us at the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
APS.

November 20, 1937

Dr. David H. Stevens
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Stevens:

Thanks immensely for your note of November 19th saying that you would be glad to see Dr. Du Bois and myself on Monday, December 6th, at 11:00 a.m.

16-11-72

I telephoned your office this morning to explain a situation which has arisen since my writing to you, but as I found that neither you, nor your secretary was to be at the office today, I thought it best to write. The Bishop and Dean, at the request of Mr. Frederick Prince of Boston, have arranged for the dedication of the Prince Memorial here on Monday morning, December 6th, at eleven o'clock, and I simply must be on hand. Under the circumstances I am wondering whether you could see us as early as convenient on Tuesday morning, the 7th.

It is awfully good of you to offer to come down here when you visit Philadelphia on the preceding Friday and Saturday, but unfortunately I am tied up all Friday afternoon. I have promised to make an address at a large Housing project and our Encyclopaedia of the Negro Committee will be meeting from 9:30 Saturday morning until probably three o'clock that afternoon. We should of course be delighted to have you present to hear our discussions, but I presume that you would not care to do this, and anyway I do not like to have you make the trip specially to Washington. I am hoping, therefore, that you can meet with us the Tuesday morning. I am sending Dr. Du Bois a copy of this letter, feeling reasonably sure that the time will be satisfactory to him.

Again thanking you for your kind letter, and hoping that Tuesday, the 7th, say at ten o'clock, may be convenient to you, I am

Sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

APS:m

Copy for Dr. Du Bois

a.p.s.

November 23, 1937

16.11.23

Dear Mr. Stevens:

After receiving your kind note of November 22nd and a telegram from Dr. Du Bois that he could not stay over until Tuesday I telephoned to your office and as you were out, talked with your secretary. I made arrangements with her which are entirely satisfactory to Dr. Du Bois, to meet you in your office this coming Monday morning, the 29th, at ten o'clock. I had myself made a mistake by suggesting earlier the following Monday, the 6th, which is the day on which I have an appointment here.

Looking forward to seeing you this coming Monday, I am

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mr. David Stevens
Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York City

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois

November 30, 1937

Dr. J. H. Dillard
Box 517
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Dillard:

Thanks for your letter of November 29th.

16-11-74

Dr. Du Bois and I had an hour and a half with Mr. Jackson Davis and Dr. Stevens Monday morning. It went, I think, extremely well. It might possibly be worth while for you some time to drop Mr. Davis a *letter giving your impression of the great significance of this project and of your hope that the General Education Board will grant our request for a hundred thousand dollars towards the budget of about $265,000. If you could honestly say, as I think you can, that this seems to you to be an extraordinarily important matter in the interest of Negro education, race relations, and the encouragement of young Negro scholars, it would carry great weight; also if you could give your impression as to Dr. Du Bois' objectivity and exceptional qualifications to be the Chairman of the Board of Editors.

Thanks for your postscript saying that Mr. Arthur Wright had a white scholar to suggest to be Dr. Du Bois' associate and that he would send me full particulars. I have called him up but he is out of town. His secretary tells me he will write me on his return. You have not yet sent me your expense account.

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

APS:m

*I think a careful letter from you would carry great weight. If you should feel like sending me a copy it could also be used helpfully with the Carnegie group.--A.P.S.

[Copy from Anson Phelps Stokes]

Yale University
Graduate School

November 30, 1937

Dear Dr. Stokes:

First, may I express my gratitude for the privilege of attending our splendid meeting on Saturday, and my admiration for the effective way in which you organized and carried through the business. This was quite in keeping with the reputation you have among the older members of the faculty as the most efficient Secretary that Yale ever had.

In the second place, may I thank you personally for your kind consideration of myself as an associate in the preparation of the ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO? I hope I was wise in giving vent to my inner-most thoughts in this matter. As I grow older I realize that I am never likely to be an original thinker, making new contribution to the sum of existing knowledge. I am not likely, for example, to write any outstanding original book. On the other hand I believe I am good at exposition and in synthesis. In other words, I believe I could have been very useful as an associate with such an original thinker as Dr. Du Bois.

16-11-84

Suppressing my emotional attitudes and giving play to reason, I am confident that our Executive Committee is right in seeking to find a full time man to be associated with Dr. Du Bois. I believe we could find such a man, but I doubt very much if he is likely to be as scholarly and as competent as Dr. Du Bois. My guess is that we shall be thrown back on the alternative of getting a relatively inferior person to be a whole-time co-editor, or of finding a man of equal but different competency as part-time co-editor. Of the men in our list, only Professor Odum and, I think, myself could "stack up" with Dr. Du Bois. Dr. Donald Young is an outstanding sociologist, but his knowledge of the Negro is really very limited. Of the others I honestly think Guy Johnson is the best, and no one would regard him as comparable with Dr. Du Bois.

I must confess that I was a little disappointed at the willingness of Dr. Du Bois and apparently the Negro members of the Committee to accept a person of less stature than the Chairman of the Editorial Board. If I had been Dr. Du Bois, I think I would have wanted a man as good or better than myself, and I believe we must still hunt for such a man if we are to avoid the irreparable error of letting our work go out to the world as a bi-racial undertaking without the two editors being relatively comparable. I seem to see a few signs in our meeting of the idea that I thought had been entirely abandoned, namely that this was to be principally a work by Negroes. Maybe we shall be forced into that position ultimately, but let us go there with our eyes open.

I personally appreciate very much the invitation from Dr. Du Bois, expressed through you, that I should be associated with him in someadvisory capacity. I know that he and you were genuine in this and would not in any way regard it as a "consolation prize" for one who had run well in the race, but had not succeeded in winning. So great is my interest in the project and so fervent my desire to have

Africa properly represented that I shall of course accept any position offered me, but I believe there is everything to be gained if this position which is offered to me be carefully defined. Whether this should be done by putting me in charge of one of the sections or by creating an ad hoc office, I do not know, but I am hoping very much that I may be regarded by Dr. Du Bois and yourself as being in some special relationship with the African side of our undertaking.

Perhaps I should mark this "confidential", but I do not feel that I ought to bind you to this extent, and I am prepared to leave to you the advisability of so regarding it.

With kindest greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Charles T. Loram

December 1, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I feel more encouraged at the prospects of the Encyclopaedia after the Washington meeting and the New York interview, than I ever have before. Up to this time I have always thought that while there was a possibility there really was rather small probability of our getting the necessary money; but it seemed to me that if we kept hammering away at the preliminary work that possibly sometime in the next ten years it could be done. Now it begins to look as though it might actually be started before the end of 1938.

16-11-103

With this somewhat altered outlook I think the work for the coming year might be to some degree re-orientated. In the matter of the conferences, for instance, I was impressed when I made that proposal by the fact that men on the General Education Board and perhaps many others did not believe that an Encyclopaedia of the Negro was feasible or necessary. I thought, therefore, that some intensive educational work was called for and that we might have to spend a considerable part of this last appropriation in bringing the matter to the attention of leading anthropologists and sociologists in certain centers like Chicago, New York, Boston and Washington. I believe now that with the conversion of Mr. Stevens and Mr. Jackson Davis this will not be necessary.

I think, therefore, that our work for the coming year should be concentrated in making the actual beginning of the Encyclopaedia, when we do get the appropriation, as easy and quick as possible. This would involve:

First, intensification of work on our list of topics:

A. To see that they are as exhaustive as possible, comprehending practically every subject which we would want to treat. This would call for more thorough-going work on the African end of the list. The West Indies have been well done and the American Negro pretty satisfactorily, with the exception of the biographies. The African end still has much left to go into and I want to study carefully the latest literature of Africa of which I have now a pretty good collection; and correspond with the leading scholars of Europe and South Africa, so as to make our African subjects as complete as possible.

B. Allocation of space. We have done this in a general way. I want now to do it tentatively with regard to each single article.

C. Bibliographies. I want to attach to each article at least the skeleton of a bibliography where the main data can be found.

D. I want to find and attach to each subject two or more names of the best living specialists who know the subject and have written upon it and one of whom might be invited to write for the Encyclopaedia.

Secondly, as I have said before I want to collect definitions and opinions which will help us finally settle on a working definition of the word Negro.

All of the above matters are included in my former memorandum although slightly changed and elaborated. The next subject I have not mentioned and that is I want to thoroughly investigate and interview the persons mentioned for the position of joint editor and also certain persons that I have in mind for the positions of assistant editor. I should be very glad if during the next year you can find time to help me in this quest and perhaps some other members of our board could also help. I do not want in this matter of editorial material to make any leaps in the dark or choose men simply for their names. I should like, for instance, to see and talk with Mr. Guy Johnson, Mr. Donald Young, Mr. Bernhard Stern and discuss the proposition frankly; making of course no definite offers and disclaiming all right to speak with authority. And then I want to talk with some other people who know them so that I can get as clear an idea as possible of their ability, the possibilities of working with them under the somewhat unusual circumstances; and of their industry and breadth of mind. If with some or all of these you could do the same thing I think we could soon come to valuable conclusions.

With regard to the proposed assistant editors: I want to consider the obvious material and then scout about; write to various institutions and see what there is in the way of young lesser known men who have the knowledge, ability and desire to do a fine complete job.

These are things that I have in mind for the next year and I should be glad to have any suggestions. I deeply appreciate the thought and good will that you have unselfishly put into this project.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

P. S. I am enclosing a memorandum of my expenses.

C.C. Logan

[Enc.]

December 2, 1937

16-11-104

Travel Expenses of W. E. B. Du Bois from Atlanta to Washington and New York and return November 26 to November 30, 1937:

Railway fare, Atlanta to New York and return	$41.80
Pullman fare, Atlanta to New York and return	13.00
Pullman meals	5.75
Board and lodging	8.00
Tips and cabs	1.50
	$70.05

COPY
for Dr. Du Bois
a.P.S.

2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1937

16-11-76

Dear Dr. Studebaker:

This letterhead will indicate the matter about which I wish to speak to you, namely, the development of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project which at the present moment looks very hopeful. Dr. Du Bois, who, as you know, has returned to objective scholarship after many years in the field of newspaper controversy, has, with the assistance of a fine young Harvard man--Dr. Logan--spent a great part of the last two years, with the financial cooperation of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, in the preliminary organization of material for the Encyclopaedia, and what he has got together has greatly impressed Mr. Stevens of the General Education Board, Mr. Keppel of the Carnegie Corporation, Dr. Alvin Johnson, the Associate Editor of the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, and others, and we have reason to believe that we can secure substantial help from Foundations to carry the plan through.

In an interview on Monday with Mr. Jackson Davis and Mr. Stevens of the General Education Board Office in New York Mr. Stevens asked if it would be at all possible for the project, which is incorporated in the District of Columbia, to have office space in the Department of Education during the four years which will be required to carry out the work. I told him that I would take the matter up with you and I am writing to ask if there is some time next week when it would be convenient for me to drop in and see you for a few minutes. In the meantime I am enclosing:

(1) A copy of our preliminary memorandum which shows the whole history of the movement.

(2) Copy of a statement regarding the significance of the Encyclopaedia, drafted by Dr. Du Bois and formally approved by the Executive Committee.

(3) Copy of a letter which I have recently addressed to Dr. Keppel, which will show you the modification in the financial statement, as adopted after further conferences, at Dr. Keppel's suggestion, with Dr. Alvin Johnson.

With kindest regards, and hoping that it may be convenient for you to talk this whole matter over with me next week, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Anson Phelps Stokes

Encs.

Cbr for Dr. Du Bois
a.P.

Answ P. Stokes

2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1937

Dr. Frederick P. Keppel
Carnegie Corporation
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

16-11-77

My dear Fred:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 29th, acknowledging mine of November 17th on behalf of the Committee on the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I think it only right that I should send you a supplementary letter to tell you of two events of some importance during the past fortnight:

First: We had a meeting of our Executive Committee all day Saturday last at my house in Washington. Those present were: Professor Loram, Mr. Kinckle Jones, Dr. Dillard, Professor Brawley, and myself; also by invitation, Dr. Du Bois and his very able assistant, Dr. Logan, who by the way received his Doctorate of Philosophy in History from Harvard last Spring. Among our decisions the following will interest you:

(1) The Board approved Dr. Du Bois' important recent document entitled "Confidential Memorandum regarding the Significance of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro". As I think you have not seen this I am forwarding a copy herewith as the most important expression of the raison d'etre and philosophy of our proposal.

(2) The budget of $260,600, as submitted to you, was formally approved subject to minor transfers and adjustments within the total as experience may show necessary and the possible increase of the salary for the second of the Editors from $6,000 to $7,500 (or a total increase for four years up to $6,000) in case this becomes necessary to secure a white scholar of outstanding ability to serve with Dr. Du Bois, thus preserving the planned bi-racial character of the undertaking under Dr. Du Bois' leadership. (See original "Memorandum" - Section XI, and the "Confidential Memorandum" referred to above, Second Section). It is understood that if this Editors does not prove necessary, this proposed item of increase, even if granted, would lapse, not being transferable.

In this connection you will note that our original budget gave $8,000 to each of the two Editors-in-Chief --Dr. Du Bois as Chairman and his white associate receiving the same compensation. In our talk with Dr. Johnson we did not perhaps make adequately clear to him the important inter-racial character of our project, and he probably looked upon the second editor as merely a highly efficient Chief Assistant Editor whom we could easily get

for $6,000. He suggested, for instance, Dr. Bernhard Stern, who was one of his best Assistant Editors in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences. It is still possible that we will return to this suggestion, but the Executive Committee felt that to secure a really adequate associate for Dr. Du Bois it might be advisable to approach a man of the type of Professor Guy Johnson, Professor Donald Young, or Professor Odum, and that it would not be possible to secure any of them for less than the $7,500 proposed. We did not raise the limit to the $8,000 in our original budget for this second position because it seemed to us advisable that the Chairman, Dr. Du Bois, should receive as the recognized and responsible leader of the project more than his associate.

Second: Dr. Du Bois and I had a full hour and a half Monday morning in New York with Mr. Jackson Davis and Dr. Stevens of the General Education Board. They seemed most understanding and sympathetic, and Dr. Stevens frankly told us that the work accomplished during the past two years had gone far in overcoming doubts regarding the wisdom of the project which had arisen when it was before him for preliminary consideration four years ago. Mr. Davis and Dr. Stevens both seemed impressed by our exhibits, especially the three printed volumes of classified material which the Encyclopaedia should cover in Africa, the United States, Latin America, and other parts of the world; the alphabetical list, with bibliographical notes, of the 2500 or more major subjects; the detailed plan of space distribution; the information as to sources of original material; the letters of support from scholars all over the world; and the other material which we showed you in our brief interview, together with our general set-up. Dr. Du Bois' special qualifications for leadership were not questioned. Two specific matters deserve attention:

16-11-78

(1) Just as you made the valuable suggestion that we consult Dr. Alvin Johnson further and prepare a more detailed budget, so Dr. Stevens suggested that we see Dr. Studebaker, the U. S. Commissioner of Education, and find out whether it might not be possible, if the Foundations and philanthropists made the carrying out of the Encyclopaedia project possible, for the Government to provide us with office space in Washington. I have already taken up this important suggestion and will let you know if any results follow.

(2) The representatives of the General Education Board did not commit either Board in any way to a financial grant, but asked whether we would be satisfied if the Board made an appropriation of 40 per cent of our total estimated budget, with the definite understanding that we would not ask for more. We said that this suggestion--involving an outside grant from the General Education Board of $106,040--would be entirely satisfactory to us. They also asked us when a decision would be necessary. We expressed the hope that it might be reached within three months, so that, if favorable, it might enable us to complete the financing and organise the staff in time to begin active work in preparing the Encyclopaedia next Fall.

I earnestly hope that you may have an opportunity to talk the matter over with Mr. Jackson Davis at some time, because I think you would find his point of view as a specialist on the Negro and race relations an interesting one and he has had an opportunity to study Dr. Du Bois' material with some care. He appreciates, I think, that such an Encyclopaedia if well carried out would be an invaluable source of information and that its preparation would do much to stimulate scholarship, especially on the part of young Negro scholars.

I have just talked with Dr. Alvin Johnson and with Dr. Waldo G. Leland--who was unable to attend our meeting Saturday as he had promised to be at the session of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.

Dr. Johnson thinks that the provision for possible increase in the salary of Dr. Du Bois' chief associate is all right provided we do not use the additional amount to secure some person of prominence who might prove a "stuffed shirt". He feels, as of course we all feel, that the Associate Editor must be one who will be constantly at Dr. Du Bois' side helping him effectively in every possible way in the preparation of the Encyclopaedia, and willing to devote his entire time to the project.

Mr. Leland thought the change advisable as he felt that we might have to pay the amount mentioned to get a white scholar who would really be a worthy associate of Dr. Du Bois. The possible increase in the salary of the white Associate Editor does not in any way involve a change in Dr. Du Bois' leadership, but would merely assure him a white associate who will help give the Encyclopaedia the reputation for broad objective scholarship and the active cooperation which are needed. Mr. Leland, by the way, lays special emphasis not only on the objective value of the Encyclopaedia, but on its subjective value in helping to develop the promising group of young Negro scholars who will necessarily play a large part in the preparation of articles.

16-11-79

Sincerely hoping that the Carnegie Corporation may at its convenience reach a favorable decision in the matter of our application, I am

Very sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Stevens as I had also given him a copy of my letter to you under date of November 17th. We left with him all printed and typewritten material, with an Index-Analysis of it, which I am sure would all be available for your further study if desired.

[Copy from Stokes]

December 2, 1937

Dear Dr. Loram:

Thanks immensely for your letters of November 30th. I shall make a note about the Bantu Welfare Fund and approach them at the proper time.

Your constructive interest in our Encyclopaedia project will prove invaluable. Just what position it will be best to work out for you, it is hard to say, but it certainly should enable you to show your knowledge in organizing African material. I did not fully realize until after the meeting that our original memorandum which we discussed stated that the Editors and Assistant Editors should be on full time. Of course thismight be modified later if experience should prove it advisable.

16-11-85

We were in a rather difficult position on Saturday as Dr. Johnson feels strongly the need of having one Editor-in-Chief and to combine that with out int rracial plan is difficult, but I think our original proposal is the right one - two Editors of which Dr. Du Bois is the Chairman. That is why I think we worked it out in the right way by merely proposing that the Chairman receive $500 more than the Associate.

Your letter on this subject is admirable. It is quite likely that I will show it some time to Dr. Du Bois.

By the way, you did not send me your expense account.

Always gratefully and appreciatively yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. Charles T. Loram
Yale University
New Haven

COPY for Dr. Du Bois
A.P.S.

December 8, 1937

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have sent today to Dr. Keppel and which is, I think, entirely self-explanatory. May I take this opportunity of telling you how very much Dr. Du Bois and I appreciated the long and sympathetic attention which you gave to our appeal on Monday? We could not have asked for a finer attitude.

16-11-80

In a letter from Dr. Arthur Wright he says that Mr. Arthur Mackreth would seem to him to be an excellent person for the Associate Editorship of the proposed Encyclopaedia. He says that you know him well and that you would be willing to give me your opinion of him. From what Dr. Wright writes I should say that he would be ideal as our Literary Editor, but I am not sure as to whether he would be a sufficient authority on the Negro and his problems to be Dr. Du Bois' leading associate. Perhaps you will write me frankly on this matter.

I have just had a fine talk with Mr. Leland of the Council of Learned Societies, whose sympathetic advice and cooperation is tremendously appreciated. He spoke to me this morning about his conviction that the Encyclopaedia had not only its objective value in providing a body of reference material, but its subjective value in giving scholarly training for the younger group of Doctors of Philosophy at the Negro Universities.

With kindest regards to you and Mr. Stevens, I am

Very truly yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Mr. Jackson Davis
General Education Board
49 West 49th Street
New York City

2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 3, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

The enclosed letter from Mr. Arthur Wright regarding Mr. Arthur R. Mackreth, formerly of the Literary Digest, whose present address is 34 Norwood Avenue, Malverne, Long Island, would seem to represent an almost ideal type of man for our English Reviser. He is the man whose name Dr. Dillard was trying to think of. As you will note he is a William and Mary man, and an intimate friend of Jackson Davis, to whom I have written asking if he cared to express an opinion about him.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Thacher Stokes

Enc.

16-11-81

[Enclosure]

SOUTHERN EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
726 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1937

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Stokes:

The person about whom I spoke to Dr. Dillard in connection with the associate editorship of the forthcoming ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE NEGRO is Mr. Arthur R. W. Mackreth, whose address is 34 Norwood Avenue, Malverne, Long Island, New York.

16-11-82

Mr. Mackreth graduated from William and Mary with me in the class of 1904. He is an intimate friend of both Jackson Davis and myself. Although born in England, he grew up in Albemarle County, Virginia, attended William and Mary, served a number of years on the staff of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, served throughout the World War in the Canadian field artillery and, on his return to the United States, secured a position with the Literary Digest as Religious Editor. Last spring when the Literary Digest was heading toward the rocks he, along with many others on the staff, was let out. At present Mr. Mackreth is connected with a small local newspaper on Long Island, but he is very anxious for a better connection.

I talked with him yesterday in New York and told him about the nature of the work, and he expressed a very keen interest. While there I also talked with Jackson Davis and asked him what he thought of the suggestion, and he was enthusiastic about it and sad to ask you to write him for his opinion if you care to do so.

Mr. Mackreth has had, as you will notice, good experience in literary and publishing connections, is a Southerner by education and upbringing, and is of pronounced literary ability. Frankly, I can think of no one among my acquaintances who would better suit for the position you have in mind. He is thoroughly cooperative and would have no qualms whatever about working practically as a subordinate to Dr. Du Bois if that were necessary.

Mr. Mackreth is an Episcopalian, is married and has two children fourteen and sixteen years of age. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

If there is anything further that I can tell you about him that you would like to know, please call on me. At the time

I spoke to Dr. Dillard about Mr. Mackreth I also mentioned the name of Professor Leavell of Peabody College, but frankly I would like to withdraw that suggestion for, on second thought, I do not feel that he has the literary qualifications or the scholarly instincts necessary for the work you have in mind.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Arthur D. Wright

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

I have received your very important letter of December first, and approve in principle your proposals. I am particularly glad that you are getting at (D), namely, the names of the two or three best living specialists, white and colored, on the various subjects. This, I think, will be highly important.

* 16-11-83

I feel that it will be all to the good for you to get in touch with different people who may serve as Assistant Editors. Possibly, however, intensive work on this could be postponed until February, when we shall hope to hear from the Foundations. I think it is distinctly worth while to get a list of all good prospects available for both Assistant Editorships and the Associate Editorship. It is only when all the names are before us that the wisest decision can be reached. In this connection I am forwarding in confidence a letter that I have received from Dr. Loram, also carbon copy of my reply. Will you please return these to me for my files?

As you will notice in the closing part of my letter to Mr. Keppel, of which I sent you a copy on Saturday, I had quite a long talk on the telephone with Dr. Alvin Johnson as I wanted to make sure that he understood and approved the slight increase we had made in the budget. He spoke very frankly about Dr. Robert Park, saying that he had originally been prejudiced against our whole proposal because of our selection of Dr. Park as your associate, believing, apparently, that he was not a man of sufficient force, energy, and standing for this particular position. I think I have never known him, so could not speak with any authority, but so long as we are all agreed that we want a younger man and that we will make the change in the course of a year, we need not discuss this matter further. I am keeping Mr. Leland in touch as he can help us more than almost any one else.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

P.S. If good opportunities come I shall certainly try to get in touch with the men you mention myself merely for preliminary impressions.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois

COPY
for Dr. DuBois
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[Copy from Stokes]

December 6, 1937.

Dear Mr. Davis:

You are acquainted with the progress that is being made toward the preparation of the publication of the proposed Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I was present at the meeting of the Committee in Washington on November 27, and became more and more impressed with the importance of this work, the purposes of which are admirably set forth in the Memorandum of Dr. DuBois. I am convinced that such a publication at this time would do more than anything else to advance the progress of the various activities in behalf of the education of the Negro and, incidentally, for the promotion of more complete interracial understanding. I hope very much that the General Education Board will feel inclined to assist.

16-11-89

You will be sorry for me when I tell you that I am still unable to read. I regretted greatly that I could not be in Williamsburg last Saturday. My doctors tell me that I must avoid all exertion.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Dillard.

December 10, 1937

My dear Mr. Stokes:

I am returning the letters to and from Mr. Loram and from Mr. Arthur Wright for your files.

16-11-8

There is only one point that Mr. Loram is mistaken about: I expressed no particular choice with regard to my associate on the editorial board for the very important reason that I did not know any of them sufficiently well to come to a final judgment. Nor do I rate my own ability quite as high as Dr. Loram. My personal attitude was at first the idea that I ought not to be too active in choosing this second member of the staff; that rather he ought to be the choice of others. But as so often happens in the work of committees, the members of the committee themselves know so little about the candidates that unless some one bestirs himself we are apt to take a leap in the dark. I am especially impressed by the thought that choice of the wrong person would be calamitous; and that the person chosen might be unfitted either from sheer lack of ability or more probably from limitation of training and temperament which would make it difficult for him to fit into this situation. Also, there are two kinds of academic persons: one is the man of thought and reflection and careful accumulated knowledge who is splendid to have around but too slow and unmethodical for the hard continuous work which we have laid out. The other is the hard working, quick thinking executive mind who is going always to be on the job promptly and efficiently. I am inclined toward the second type of man because the first type is always available for consultation while the second type is too rare. I shall not, therefore, object to almost any person that the board feels with any unanimity the person for this job; but, on the other hand, I want myself first hand information so that if the members of the board have no particular convictions or knowledge I can be sure that they are supplied at least from my point of view.

I have had no word of any sort from Dr. Park since the breakfast and interview which I had with him last May. I have no idea whether he has returned from South America or not.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. Du Bois

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Du Bois:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 10th.
* I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from Mr. Studebaker, together with carbon copy of my reply.

16-11-91

I am also enclosing copy of a letter received by me from Mr. Jackson Davis and the original of a letter which Dr. Dillard sent me, and which I would like returned. It is encouraging, but of course we must not "count our chickens before they are hatched". I must say, however, that the project seems to me so important that in one way or another we must get it through and do it if in any way feasible while you are living to carry the main burden of directing the work.

Sincerely yours,

Anson Phelps Stokes

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois
Encyclopaedia of the Negro
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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[Enclosure]

COPY
from Dr. DuBois
a.P.S.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Education
Washington

December 10, 1937

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stokes

16-11-94

This is written in reply to your letter of December 1, which I have examined with great interest. You are certainly to be congratulated on the forward steps taken in connection with this important project.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances are such that it will not be possible for us here in the Office of Education to provide office space for the project during the four years that will be required to carry on the work. Not only is it contrary to general government policy to permit government facilities to be used for non-governmental work, but the housing situation for government activities themselves is especially acute right now. I am advised that the government at present is renting some three million square feet of floor space in private buildings to house governmental activities.

So far as the space occupied in the new Interior Building by the Office of Education is concerned, it is so fully used at present that I am frank to say that I do not know just how I am going to be able to double up occupants in the available space sufficiently to make room for new people we are to add under increases in appropriations.

While I should be delighted to talk with you about this whole project, it happens that I will be out of the office the first two days of the week, then back in town just long enough to pack up and leave for the balance of the month. Perhaps we can arrange to confer about the whole project some time early in the new year, if you still think there is anything that we can do here in the Office in view of the general policy and our existing conditions.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner.

COPY
for Dr. DuBois
A.P.S.

[Enclosure]

December 15, 1937

My dear Dr. Studebaker:

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of December 10th regarding the Encyclopaedia of the Negro project. I realize fully why it does not seem to you possible for the Office of Education to provide space for the project. I only wrote because Mr. Stevens of the General Education Board raised the question and I wanted to check up on every possibility of this kind.

16-11-95

As you have been good enough to refer with commendation to the Encyclopaedia project I would appreciate it if you thought it entirely consistent, to have you send me a statement regarding its significance, which might perhaps be used with the Foundations that now have the project under very serious consideration. I shall understand it perfectly if you prefer to postpone this until I have had a chance to confer with you in the new year, as you have kindly suggested.

I enclose copy of a letter which Dr. Dillard, for so many years the head of the Jeanes and Slater Funds, has just sent me. It, I am sure, will carry weight with you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Dr. J. W. Studebaker
U. S. Department of the Interior
Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

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General Education Board

December 9, 1937

My dear Dr. Stokes:

After the rush of our Board Meeting this is my first opportunity to reply to your kind letter of the third.

16-11-92

Mr. Stevens and I both feel that you and Dr. Du Bois have made a strong case for the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. There remains the question whether the Board will consider it the type of project which is appropriate to its program. We shall, however, take pleasure in bringing it before the Board or the Executive Committee, and I am sure the matter will have careful consideration.

I am interested in your inquiry regarding Arthur Mackreth. I know him well and have a high regard for his ability and editorial esperience. However, it is best for me to refrain from any advice as to the personnel of your staff in view of your application to the Board for assistance. You may depend upon Arthur Wright's recommendation. Dr. Jones also knows Mr. Mackreth.

It was a great pleasure to see you. We miss you on our Board.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours

(signed) Jackson Davis

Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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General Education Board

December 9, 1937

16-11-93

Dear Dr. Dillard:

Thank you for yours of the sixth expressing your interest in the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. Dr. Stokes and Dr. Du Bois had a conference recently with Mr. Stevens and myself, and they made a very strong case for the Encyclopaedia.

It seems to me that the objections which were raised several years ago when the matter was under consideration have been very satisfactorily answered. It is evident that they have the active interest of scholars and learned societies whose cooperation is essential. Also, I am leased that the project does not seem too scopey but will be of manabeable size. It will be brought to the attention of the Board in due course.

I am sorry you couldn't get to Williamsburg. I couldn't be there either for the Phi Beta Kappa this year. Our Board Meeting has snowed me under with reports and letters and the usual rush of conferences.

With affectionate greetings to you and Mrs. Dillard, I am

Sincerely yours

(signed) Jackson Davis

Dr. J. H. Dillard
Box 317
Charlottesville, Virginia

[Copy from Anson Phelps Stokes]

COPY
for Dr. DuBois
a P S

CARNEGIE CORPORATION
of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York

December 13, 1937

Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps-Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

16-11-90

Dear Anson

I should have acknowledged your letter of the 2nd earlier if it had not been for a week's trip "on the road." Many thanks for keeping us in touch with developments; I'll do the same by you.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. P. Keppel

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P.S. - Thank you also for sending me a copy of Dillard's letter to Davis.

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CARNEGIE CORPORATION
of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York

PERSONAL

December 20, 1937

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Rev. Dr. Anson Phelps-Stokes
2408 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Anson

We had a meeting of our Executive Committee last week and discussed among other things the matter of the Encyclopaedia of the Negro. I told the Committee not only of the information which you have sent me but of my talks with Alvin Johnson and with our friends in the Rockefeller Foundation. The Committee was interested, but I doubt whether the members will be disposed to make any specific recommendations to the Board as a whole during the current fiscal year (which ends on September 30). I won't go into their reasons in detail, but they seem to me sound; and I think you ought to know this in connection with your own plans.

With best wishes of the Season

Sincerely yours,

F. P. Keppel

COPY

December 25, 1937

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Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, President
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Fred:

It was frank and thoughtful of you to write me so promptly after the preliminary consideration of the Negro Encyclopaedia project by your Executive Committee. Your letter of December 20th is, therefore, acknowledged with many thanks.

I am of course disappointed that your Committee did not feel that it could make a specific recommendation of a grant to the full Board and that you doubt the likelihood of such action during the current fiscal year, which ends on September 30th, but I appreciate ever so much your giving them the facts as to the proposed Encyclopaedia and its significance which you have gained from me, from the Rockefeller Foundation's representatives, and from Dr. Alvin Johnson. I am also, of course, pleased to know that the Committee was interested in the project as presented.

I can well understand it if in the present disturbed conditions of the world the Corporation feels it must be conservative about taking on new proposals. I hope that it is this aspect of the situation, rather than any question as to the inherent soundness of the Negro Encyclopaedia project which has caused hesitation or delay.

As I think you know, we have the money to carry our work on its present basis until the Fall. What we had hoped was that we would be able then to engage our staff as so many will come from the Colleges and the Fall is the easiest time to make adjustments. But if postponement proves necessary we shall be philosophic about it. In the meantime if any questions have been raised which I can answer I hope you will let me know, or if you have now or later any additional facts or considerations which you can properly communicate to me, I would also be glad to hear from you.

Most earnestly hoping that favorable consideration of a project which seems exceptionally important not only for the United States, but for Latin America and Africa will ultimately receive your support, and with great appreciation of the open minded and sympathetic attitude you have personally shown, I am, with best Christmas greetings,

Very sincerely yours,
ANSON PHELPS STOKES

Encyclopedia

144 Hancock St., Auburndale, Mass.

May 5, 1937.

5/7/37

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Chairman,
Editorial Board, Encyclopaedia of the Negro,
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

16-1-70

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

In reply to your letter of April 17th addressed to me at Yale University, I will say that I am very much interested in your project, and will cooperate to the best of my ability.

I have just completed a doctor's dissertation on the inter-racial situation on the Witwatersrand, South Africa, entitling it "Modern Industrial Life and Cultural Change among the South African Bantu." I am a social worker at Johannesburg under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. This past two years I have been working under Professor Loram at Yale in the preparation of this study of cultural contacts in our industrial center.

It was my pleasure to take the Southern trip with Dr. Loram's seminar in 1936. I remember with pleasure the hour spent with you while we were at Atlanta. I have read so much of your writing in magazine and book form that I feel quite acquainted with you.

With personal regards and best wishes for your success in this enterprise, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ray E. Phillips.

[Enclosure]

16-1-71

My address after June 6th will be as follows:

Kay E. Philipsé

19 Eleanor St

Fairview

Johannesburg

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